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A FESTIVE LOOK AT Holton Road, Barry

Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

# Restaurant fined £10,000 for hygiene offences

**TWO directors of the Mughal Emperor restaurant in Cowbridge have received heavy fines for hygiene offences following a prosecution for Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

Mamun Miah and Asad Miah were each fined £2,766, ordered to pay costs of £500 and a victim surcharge of £138 at Cardiff Magistrates Court after failing to comply with two hygiene improvement notices served last year.

In addition, their company was fined a total of £10,000, ordered to pay costs of £1,175 and a victim surcharge of £170.

It followed an inspection by Shared Regulatory Services (SRS), who enforce environmental health regulations across the Local Authority areas of Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale.

In June 2018, SRS officers identified a number of food safety violations at the restaurant, including dirty equipment, cross contamination of raw and cooked food and insufficient staff training, resulting in a food hygiene rating of two being awarded.

A further visit to check for improvements revealed these three matters had not been addressed, and another a month later found that, though the issue relating to staff training was in hand, the other two remained.

Cllr Eddie Williams, Vale Council Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services, said: "I hope this case sends out an important message to those operating in food businesses that adhering to hygiene standards is not optional. Recommendations for improvement are made for very good reasons, chiefly to protect the health of customers.

"These violations could have had serious consequences and possibly led to food poisoning. Prosecution is always a last resort, but this is a step we won't hesitate to take if businesses fail to comply with the instructions our officers' issue.

"People in the food industry must recognise their responsibility to customers when preparing food and take advice from those whose job it is to protect the public from harmful foodborne illnesses."

# TV chefs to kick-start Christmas

*ABOVE: Chefs Sam and Shauna from Hangfire Smokehouse*

**TV chefs Sam and Shauna from Hangfire Smokehouse will be switching on this Llantwit Major's Christmas lights.**

The pair will be illuminating the town on November 30, officially kick-starting Christmas in the town.

A Festival of Lights will also been taking place this year with a lantern parade passing through the town and Father Christmas will be visiting naughty and nice children in the town hall.

The lantern parade will get underway at 5.15pm with the lights being turned on at 6pm.

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## General Election hustings

**CANDIDATES fighting to become an MP in next month's General Election are to be quizzed by NFU Cymru members next week.**

A hustings event is set to take place at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge from 7.30pm on November 27.

NFU members will be able to ask questions about the parliamentary hopefuls' policies surrounding agriculture.

Conservative candidate Alun Cairns will be taking part along with Labour's Belinda Loveluck-Edwards and Anthony Slaughter from the Green Party.

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## 'Independent inquiry will establish facts'

**I AM disturbed by the circumstances of events leading to the ministerial resignation of our local MP, Alun Cairns.**

Do I understand correctly the reasoning behind this relates to his backing the recommendation put forward by the Welsh Conservative Party of Ross England as the candidate for the forthcoming Welsh Assembly Election?

On the assumption due diligence had been undertaken by his party on Mr England's suitability, I have to say the outrage at Mr Cairns in supporting Ross England is a bit rich – wouldn't any Leader do the same if the prospective candidate had passed the vetting procedures of the designated authorities?

For many years, I've noted Alun has been an exceptionally hard working MP for this constituency and has secured an enviable record of achievement within our local community and Welsh industry. In addition to his local duties, he became a respected and most effective Secretary of State on the world stage.

I, like many, now look forward to the results of an independent inquiry which will establish the facts. This should satisfy all constituents in the Vale, who deserve to see a hard working MP continue with his efforts and represent us in Parliament.

**Duncan Barber, Llanblethian.**

## It shouldn't be this difficult to contact Council

**TODAY I had the unfortunate and frustrating experience of trying to make contact with the Vale Council to report a second missed recycling collection in two weeks.**

While there is an online form to report such matters, as this was the second time, I thought it more reassuring to speak with somebody directly. Refuse collection generally has become an absolute disgrace and there appears little to suggest that the council has the matter in hand.

Trying to find a telephone number is in itself extremely difficult and then one is met with a call handler who fields calls and I was told is not permitted to pass calls on to respective departments; they don't respond to telephone enquiries.

If I wished to complain, I was told I would have to write in and if I wished to view the complaints procedure, I could access this online as it wasn't available in written form.

I tried to imagine how my 90-year-old mother would manage this, not being internet literate, and wondered what provision the council had in place to accommodate a large number of the Vale's residents who it seems are in danger of becoming invisible because of their lack of online presence.

The endless back slapping and self congratulatory reports from the council are beginning to wear a bit thin, and I'm certain it would be really revealing to conduct a resident satisfaction survey to see just how the council is performing in the 'real world', not just about meeting government targets.

I fear the council is in danger of becoming an anonymous entity convincing itself that all is well with the world, especially if it is unprepared to make its services easily accessible and discounting the value of user feedback.

**Rob Taylor, Barry.**

## Human beings, not 'dossers'

**IN response to a letter printed in the November 14 issue of The GEM, 'Has the Council abandoned Holton Road?' such a lack of compassion and humanity shown toward people who have fallen on desperate times that they have nowhere else to go except the cold doorway of an abandoned, empty hotel.**

These are human beings not 'dossers'.

And as for going to the toilet – are they even welcome to use the facilities in the nearby library? If they are, are they only supposed to need the toilet in library opening hours?

This is the typical, heartless response that is becoming more prevalent in austerity ravaged, Tory Britain.

**John Patrick Waddington, Barry.**

## Older swimmers miss out

**DUE to cutbacks, the more mature residents of CF62 post code are being discriminated against.**

We have been reduced to a two hour swim on a Wednesday; while if you live in CF63 postcode, you can swim four days a week.

How come? I am sure it does not cost any more to have more people in the pool. Surely in this day and age when we are trying to encourage people who are getting older to keep fit, and not take up GPs' time and beds in hospitals, this is not helping?

**Avril Main, Barry Island.**

## Remembrance struck a chord

**I WOULD just like to thank Rev Rhian Prime, and Catherine the minister from The Gathering Place for a lovely thought-provoking Remembrance Day service.**

It was wonderful to see so many children representing all the various clubs and activities in St Athan, as it will be the young who carry on Remembrance Day into the future.

**Julie Lynch-Wilson, St Athan Community Council.**

## We will remember them

**IN recognition of the importance of Remembrance Day, the Llantwit Major Conservative Association has decided to made a donation to the British Legion rather than present a wreath.**

They shall not be forgotten.

**Cllr Gordon Wilkie, Llantwit Major Conservatives**

## Does anyone know the Days?

**I HAVE many memories of 40 Coronation Street, Barry Docks: my mother was born there – Pauline Elizabeth Day.**

She had a brother, Joe, and sisters Dorothy and Eileen, who was a telephonist in the exchange in the early 1960s.

I have cousins William Day and Angela who lived on the Island; also cousins Russell and Alan who lived on Kingsland Crescent (my uncle Tom was a ship's chandler).

I would like to be informed if anyone has information regarding them from someone local. Thank you in anticipation.

**Peter Lane,**
**JD Lane & Sons Ltd, Chapel House, The Hill, Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts. NG17 8JR.**

## Where does my recycling go?

**AT the moment, my recycling is taken a few hundred miles away into England and put into skips at whatever site I am working on.**

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will not touch it.

Along with many of my neighbours, the new recycling policy came as a bit of a surprise and we only noticed when the bin men stopped picking up.

On its own carbon neutral policy, maybe the council didn't send out enough letters.

I telephoned the council on the October 24 to ask where my bags were. During the conversation, they asked could I get to the library or the Wenvoe depot – I said no; I have this annoying thing called a job. It's a pesky thing, but if I don't do it, I don't eat.

'That's fine,' said the woman, 'a waste management warden will drop some off for you within five working days. This didn't happen, so weeks later I sent the Vale Council an email and got a prompt reply along the lines of 'we will never deliver personally to a single residence'.

Now, either the nice lady who spoke to me is a liar… or the council policy is wrong.

**Nicholas Etherington, Vale of Glamorgan.**

## Path in Peace art trail 'uplifting'

**I HAD the privilege to see Glyn's exhibition 'A Path in Peace' at All Saints' Church, Barry, and that in the company of the talented yet unassuming artist himself.**

I say 'to see', yet the story of that afternoon was rather more than mere seeing or judgementally viewing the skilful creations of the artist.

It was indeed a uniquely uplifting and spiritual experience that will remain in one's memory for many years.

Through his artwork, Glyn takes us by the hand and gently guides us along the quiet paths to the timeless peace of the churches and holy places of the Vale of Glamorgan. He takes us back to the yesterdays of our forefathers so that we may, if we wish, create a better tomorrow for our children.

A tomorrow of togetherness and shared joy whatever your belief.

This is a skilful, inspirational exhibition that truly deserves a wide audience throughout Wales so that we may, as the poet Waldo Williams says in his poem 'Cofio' (Remembrance): '…..bring to mind the things that are forgotten,

Now scattered in the dust of ages past.'

Come and experience for yourself the journey and work of one of the sons of the Vale of Glamorgan, the talented yet humble artist, Glyn Pooley.

**Gwyn Hughes Jones, Barry.**

## We shouldn't feel good about recycling

**THE irony of following a healthy diet is that even though I live alone, I generate enough (non-recyclable) plastic each week to fill a (non-recyclable) carrier bag.**

Until the supermarkets are forced to repackage in recyclable materials, we are wasting our time.

The council, with its ill-thought-out new system is doing nothing for the environment except ticking a box on its list of 'things to do to make it look like we're making a difference'.

Paper breaks down. Cardboard breaks down (this has been obvious during the five days the bags have been outside our homes awaiting collection).

Bottles and cans have been recycled for decades without a problem.

The one thing we all need to do is recycle plastic (or 'soft plastic' as it's now described) yet this is beyond us.

What is the point of adding plastic to the landfill in black plastic bags? What are we achieving? Is there not a way to compact plastic and store it until such time as someone comes up with a way to degrade it?

There has to be technology to destroy/dissolve a product that continues to be manufactured, continues to be used to saturation point, and continues to be added to the mountain that exists and, to date, will take around 20 years to break down.

Recycling is just an exercise that makes some people feel better; but they shouldn't.

In some countries, customers can leave the packaging at the checkouts for the stores to recycle themselves.

Maybe we should do the same.

**J Cody, Llantwit Major.**

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

***The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.***

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| 23/11/2019 | 15.44 | 9.2 |
| 24/11/2019 | 04.17 | 9.5 |
| 24/11/2019 | 16.38 | 9.7 |
| 25/11/2019 | 05.04 | 9.9 |
| 25/11/2019 | 17.26 | 10.0 |
| 26/11/2019 | 05.53 | 10.1 |
| 26/11/2019 | 18.14 | 10.2 |
| 27/11/2019 | 06.34 | 10.4 |
| 27/11/2019 | 18.57 | 10.3 |
| 28/11/2019 | 07.19 | 10.2 |
| 28/11/2019 | 19.39 | 10.1 |

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# From TV to books: Is there anything Ruth Jones can't do?

**ACTRESS Ruth Jones visited Cowbridge Library recently to give a talk about her first novel *Never Greener.***

She also chatted with the audience about the upcoming Christmas special of Gavin & Stacey, a show which she co-writes with James Corden.

Staff from Cowbridge Bookshop were also on hand at the event so people could buy copies of Ms Jones' book.

Tina Scott, who works at the library, said: "We had a fantastic evening with more than 60 people attending.

"We are very grateful to Ruth for so generously taking time to talk to us and sign books."

The library regularly holds author events with the next being a talk from rugby commentator Phil Steele on November 25.

A Midwinter Tales family event will also take place on December 21.

# Councillors 'annoyed' at lack of consideration over disruptive roadworks

**TWO Vale councillors, Sally Hanks and Gwyn John, met the Vale Council's director of Neighbourhood Services, Miles Punter, to discuss traffic issues in Llantwit Major and Boverton over the past year.**

Cllr John told The GEM: "The residents have had to put up with portable traffic lights at various locations which have caused huge disruption for people going to and from their workplace.

"It has resulted in people and school pupils arriving late for work or school exams and as Llantwit First county councillors, we are annoyed with officers of the Vale Council for their lack of consideration towards residents.

"The director agreed with us that while the work had to be done, it should have been better programmed and that in future, we and our colleagues will be consulted about all works in our community.

"We shall certainly see to it that the residents are put first in future and no schemes will go ahead until we have rubber stamped them and nobody will have long delays on the roads around our area.

"Finally, we can only apologise to all the people who have had to queue for a long time on the roads around Llantwit Major and Boverton during the past year and in particular, the last month. On the day we met, the director sampled the delay himself when he came to Llantwit Major and now knows how everyone feels."

The Vale of Glamorgan Council were asked to comment, but declined.

# Electoral pact in the Vale means no Plaid or Lib-Dems

**NOW that the deadline has passed for General Election candidates in the Vale of Glamorgan to come forward, it is clear that voters will be looking at an unfamiliar ballot paper, *reports Philip Irwin*.**

There will be no Plaid Cymru option (2,295 votes in 2017), no Lib-Dem option (1,020 votes in 2017) and no UKIP (868 votes in 2017).

Based solely on the votes cast in 2017, the Vale looks like a straight fight between Alun Cairns (Conservative) who took the seat in 2017 with 25,501 votes and Labour's Belinda Loveluck-Edwards. In 2017 the Labour candidate, Camilla Beaven, polled 23,311 – giving Mr Cairns a majority of 2,190.

The look of the ballot paper has been changed as a result of the 'Unite to Remain' alliance between Plaid, the Lib-Dems and the Green Party.

The Greens polled 419 votes in 2017 and the Leader of the Greens in Wales, Anthony Slaughter, will be hoping to attract votes from the parties who have stepped aside, and from voters who are intending to vote on environmental issues.

Mr Slaughter said: 'I am standing as the Green candidate in this election to give voters in the Vale a clear choice to vote for a Remain party. We have been consistent in our opposition to Brexit, calling for a People's Vote from day one."

Ian Johnstone, who was the Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, said that he was disappointed but fully accepted his party's involvement in the electoral pact.

Sally Stephenson, who was the Liberal Democrats' candidate, said: "We fully understand that many voters in the Vale will be disappointed that they cannot vote for the Liberal Democrats this time. Unfortunately, our outdated first past the post electoral system means that in many constituencies across the country, the party elected may not actually reflect the wishes of the electorate.

"Although the Liberal Democrats are standing aside for this one occasion, they are still very active in the Vale."

The Brexit Party, which is standing in the neighbouring seats of Bridgend and Ogmore, has stood down in the Vale.

So, there are now over 4,000 voters in the Vale who will not be able to vote for the party they chose two years ago. Strategists from the two highest-polling parties in 2017 (Conservative and Labour) will be trying to work out where these votes will go.

**The Vale candidates, in alphabetical order, are as follows:**

- **Cairns, Alun – Conservative Party.**
- **Loveluck-Edwards, Belinda – Welsh Labour / Llafur Cymru.**
- **Slaughter, Anthony David – The Green Party / Plaid Werdd.**
- **Williams, Laurence – Gwlad, Gwlad.**

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# Plant Llantwit brings Big Climate Fightback to Heritage Coast

**COMMUNITY-LED Plant Llantwit is asking for the entire community of Llantwit Major to back its local tree planting campaign this weekend, as part of the nationwide Big Climate Fightback tree planting.**

The first Plant Llantwit mass tree planting takes place this Saturday along a public footpath to the popular beach.

Liv Phillips of Plant Llantwit said: "We are so delighted that our first mass tree planting event is part of the Big Climate Fightback with the Woodland Trust in its #EveryTreeCounts campaign. "Growing numbers of people up and down the UK are working from grassroots level to make a stand for the environment.

"Anyone can join in simply by becoming a member of Plant Llantwit.

"All ages and abilities can get involved, with extra hands on deck to plant on behalf of others on request. Saplings will also be available on the day to be potted up for planting later at home."

The first Plant Llantwit tree planting takes place on Saturday, November 23 from 10am to 3pm, from the meeting point of Cwtch Café on the Acorns Camping Park to the south of the town.

Any Plant Llantwit members can plant on the day and walk-up new members are welcome. Children must be supervised by accompanying adults.

Donning wellies and waterproofs is encouraged!

New and existing members can also take home a British native sapling at the tree planting event or at Plant Llantwit's stall at the Christmas Market, which runs alongside the Light Switch On in the town centre on Saturday, November 30.

Plant Llantwit's first big tree planting event is made possible through the Woodland Trust's Community Trees programme and takes place ahead of the charity's Big Climate Fightback aiming to get one million people pledging to support tree planting by November 30.

In just six months since its people-powered formation in May, Plant Llantwit has successfully made its first applications for tree planting, with tree planting beginning on private land with permissions along a public footpath leading to the coastal path in an area much appreciated by local walkers and residents.

The growing community group is set to exceed its target of planting 1,000 trees in its first year with 1,300 trees to be planted in November and 500 more planned for spring 2020.

To find out more about Plant Llantwit including future tree planting and public talks, follow #PlantLlantwit, head to its Facebook page or email plantllantwit@gmail.com.

People can sign up to the group by popping along to its meetings or by visiting the Cosy Fox and Wine Street Café.

# Parliamentary hopefuls face Question Time

**ALL the Vale of Glamorgan constituency parliamentary candidates have been invited to take part in a 'Nature and the Environment Question Time' where members of the public can have the opportunity to question them on environmental issues.**

The event is being organised by Barry Action for Nature and is supported by a number of different conservation groups based in Barry.

So far, Labour's Belinda Loveluck-Edwards and the Green Party's Anthony Slaughter have confirmed their attendance.

Barry Action for Nature's chairman, Rob Curtis, said: "Slowly but surely, our politicians are starting to wake up to the environmental and wildlife crises facing our nation and the wider world. Scientific report after scientific report has been warning us for decades about the perilous state of our natural world.

"Now it's your opportunity to question our local parliamentary candidates about what they are doing or intending to do to help protect our environment. Vale of Glamorgan residents are invited to our Nature and the Environment Question Time on Thursday, December 5 at the All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry starting at 6.30pm. The event is free, but numbers will be restricted so please come early and have your say!"

# AM slams Vale's 'appalling train chaos' for commuters

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has slammed the "appalling" delays Vale commuters have experienced on the Welsh Labour Government's Transport for Wales franchise.**

On November 12, a faulty train at Barry Docks caused significant delays and cancellations for services between Cardiff, Dinas Powys, Barry, Rhoose, Llantwit Major and Bridgend. Such delays are a regular occurrence on the route, and have caused huge disruption for passengers.

A total of 1.7% of services are cancelled across all TfW routes, and Mr Davies said the Welsh Government need to take urgent action to address it.

Mr Davies said: "When the new franchise began, the Welsh Labour Government promised us a series of quick wins. Over a year later, these wins are yet to materialise and instead, passengers between Barry and Cardiff are having to put up with delays and cancellations.

"Action needs to be taken to deliver the new rolling stock we were promised, as well as the punctual services passengers rightly expect."

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# Cricket club to buy a ground in bid to secure its future

**A CRICKET club in the Vale of Glamorgan is shaping up to buy its own ground, so that the future of the club can be secured.**

Vale Cricket Club has had help from the Wales Co-operative Centre to become a Charitable Community Benefit Society.

This will enable the club to work with the community and become a hub for sport and leisure.

But first, the small matter of raising a minimum of £60,000 to buy the ground from the landowners, the Ewenny Priory Estate. Is that a daunting target for the club?

"Not at all", says the chairman, Gareth Andrews.

"We have been working hard as a club for some time to reach out beyond the club's playing membership, building links with our governing bodies, local businesses, schools and other stakeholders, making it a real community affair. Admittedly, we do need everyone in the team to contribute if we are going to get over the line.

"We have a number of fundraising events planned over the next few weeks and we hope to persuade all-comers to buy shares in the club.

The minimum share holding is £100 and however many shares you buy, you still only have one vote.

So everyone will have an equal say in how we run the club from now on.

"Leading up to Christmas, we are hoping that club members as well as friends and members of the wider community will buy shares, maybe as a gift for a child or grand-child, to help secure the club's future. Donations are also welcome!"

The club has had a very successful season on the field in 2019, with all three senior sides promoted.

There is a growing junior section, from 5-year-old 'All Stars' through to under 17s, and women's cricket is also on the up.

So all that remains is for the fundraising campaign to match that on-field success by selling shares and reaching that target.

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Location:/Lleoliad: Glenburnie, Port Road, Wenvoe

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed hay storage and sheep in-wintering building for 207 ewes to lamb. (This number includes 48 rare breed Shetland and Balwen ewes). New calf shed for in-wintering weaned calves (4 at present rising to 9 in 2020). Open field shelter for any stock left out during year needing protection from bad weather
Location:/Lleoliad: Land known as Caeriland adjacent to Ewenny Road, Wick

**Departure from Development Plan / Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu**

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01210/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed self-build low carbon bungalow
Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent The Rookery and Garden Cottage, Court Drive, Llansannor

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 21 November, 2019
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Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

# Nursery passes inspection with flying colours

**CYLCH Meithrin y Bont-faen, a Welsh-medium nursery in Cowbridge, has received a glowing report from the Care Inspectorate Wales.**

Staff, parents and the committee are delighted that the high standards and welcoming nature of the nursery have been recognised.

The Cylch takes children from two years old. The report found that the children settled well into the nursery as a result of close bonds of affection with the staff.

For many children, the Cylch is their very first introduction to Welsh. Parents report being genuinely shocked at how quickly their children picked up the Welsh language.

The staff were praised for the way they managed to achieve this by providing effective play and learning experiences with good quality and stimulating resources. The Cylch is described as spacious, colourful and safe.

There is a large outdoor area with a huge variety of activities including a mud kitchen, climbing equipment, sand, water tubs and an area to grow vegetables.

Sarah Clanfield, described as a very effective leader, said: "We are very fortunate to have excellent staff at the Cylch who work hard to achieve these high standards. We form close relationships with the children and their families right from the start. The children learn Welsh through singing and playing and it is just incredible how quickly they pick it up."

# Wales' first ebike scheme to launch in Vale town

**FUNDING to pilot the first fully electric bike share scheme in Wales has been set aside by the Vale Council.**

Following the success of the nextbike cycle hire scheme in Cardiff, which has recorded more than 548,000 rentals since its launch in 2018, the Vale Council has received requests for a similar system.

In response to these requests, as well as in recognition of the potential benefits to the community and environment, nextbike, the UK's leading bike share scheme provider, will implement the project.

The organisation is looking to install 50 electric bikes across several docking stations in Penarth. Whilst potential locations have been identified, the council is also inviting residents to give their suggestions.

The racks need ample space for loading and unloading bikes, as well as links to power sources and visibility to the public.

Local school pupils will be invited to enter designs for terminals and bike side panels, and local mechanics will be employed to assist with the repair and maintenance of the fleet.

Furthermore, the Council is working closely with Cardiff Council to create a system that will link the two schemes.

This will ensure that members are able to travel between and return bikes to both locations.

Director of Environment and Housing, Miles Punter said: "Having declared a climate emergency earlier this year, it is imperative that as a Council we continue to support active and sustainable methods of transport. The bikes are simple to use and tariffs tend to be cheaper than travelling by car, bus or train.

"The initiative will benefit the health and wellbeing of our commuters and residents, as well as being an asset to tourism in the area. If this proves to be a success, we hope to see the scheme expand further."

Krysia Solheim, nextbike UK managing director, said she was excited to be bringing e-bikes to Wales: "We know from our research that a lot of commuters already cycle from Penarth into Cardiff. E-bikes will make that journey easier and quicker than ever before, which will hopefully persuade more people to switch from four wheels to two.

"E-bikes are not only great for reducing journey times and taking on steep hills, they're also a great way of getting people of all abilities and fitness levels into cycling. It's an exciting time for Penarth.".

The nextbike project is being funded by Section 106 sustainable transport contributions.

For more information on the scheme, or to suggest a location, visit www.nextbike.co.uk/en/penarth.

# Dog of the Week

**BARNEY is a handsome six-year-old Akita cross Border Collie who is a bouncy chap and loves a run off-lead.**

However, he will need further training with his basic obedience and jumping up. He loves to play ball but hasn't quite grasped the idea of bringing it back!

He is bright and is always eager to learn new things. Dogs Trust have limited history about Barney and therefore are looking for a home with owners who have owned dogs previously and are at home for most of the day.

If you work from home, this would be the ideal situation for him. He is looking for an adult-only home that will continue with his training needs. Barney is fun and plays with dogs when out and about, so he would be a great walking companion.

He is house trained and travels well in the car.

For more information on Barney, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; give us call on 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

# Llanmaes remembers the fallen

**ON Remembrance Sunday a large group from the village of Llanmaes and surrounding area joined the morning service in St Cattwg's Church.**

At 11am a two minute silence was observed following which the chairman of the Community Council, Tim Fowler, placed a poppy wreath on the memorial tablet to the fallen in the church.

After prayers led by Rev Joy Birkin the congregation moved from the church to the churchyard and to the two war graves of airmen killed locally on active service during the war.

Other wreaths were laid by Flt Sgt Kevin Wilkins on behalf of the Royal Air Force, by the Community Council and Llanmaes Women's Institute.

A final cross was placed on the memorial to the Merchant Navy by Lieutenant Commanders Kathryn Drinkall and Richard Cook.

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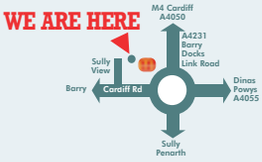


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## Christmas Crafts fair

**THE Penarth and District Lesotho Trust is holding a Christmas Crafts and Creations fair on Saturday, November 23 from 10am to 1pm in Stanwell Baptist church hall, Victoria Road, Penarth.**

Crafts will include jewellery, Japanese calligraphy and artefacts, wooden bowls and pens, puppets, fabric bags and hand-made decorations. As usual, we are raising funds for St Cecilia's Centre for Teenage Mothers and we are hoping to help set up a security system for the TY Junior Academy. Please come along and support the charity's work in Lesotho.

## Beach clean

**FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding its monthly beach clean at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island on Sunday, November 24 at 3pm and volunteers should meet near Marco's Cafe on the prom.**

Please would volunteers wear suitable footwear; litter pickers and bags provided. Children are welcome, accompanied by a responsible adult.

## Highlight Park Cuppa

**HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa is open on Monday, November 25 from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the Highlight Park Community Centre. Join us for some company and a chat over a cuppa.**

## Cowbridge U3A

**INTERESTED in joining? Newly-joined? Long-standing member? Come and meet committee members for a friendly chat over coffee from 11am on Monday, November 25 in the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge**

# Probus Club learn about French Railway

**LLANTWIT Major Probus Club's meeting was held on November 12 in Illtud's 216 when president Philip Morris welcomed members with the news we had 42 days until Christmas and of historical events which had occurred on this day, notably the death of King Canute in 1035 at the age of 45 and the first photograph of the Loch Ness monster in 1933.**

The president introduced speaker Andrew Leonard, who gave a talk on the Metre Gauge Breton Railway built in 1860-70 when there were large areas of France without rail links. Finished in 1907, it was built in sections mainly with the use of Moroccan labour.

Members were shown various slides of the rolling stock used for passengers and the transportation of grain, hay, fertiliser, rock and slate from the quarries and trucks covered in tarpaulins to prevent fires from the sparks of the steam engines.

A vote of thanks for an interesting, informative and humorous talk was given by Eric Sparks.

The raffle was won by Cled Lewis.

Next month's meeting is on December 10, with pre-lunch entertainment centred around the Twelve Days of Christmas.

# Student artists' work goes on display

**COWBRIDGE Old Hall hosted the town's arts group's annual exhibition, which this year featured AS Level students' work.**

Once again, the Cowbridge Arts Group awarded generous cash prizes to their chosen top three students.

The Art and Design Department at the school would like to thank the group for its continuous support.

Students benefit enormously from the prestige of having their work viewed by members of the public and being recognised by talented community groups.

An event spokesman said: "We would also like to thank the shops on Cowbridge High Street who allowed our poster to be displayed in their shop windows."

The winners were as follows: first prize Madeleine Hopper, second prize Rebecca Rees and third prize Freya Rickard.

# Poppy planting for pupils at Field of Remembrance

**FOUR pupils from Llantwit Major School represented the Military Kids Club Heroes and the school at the Field of Remembrance service in Cardiff Castle on November 6.**

The school was invited to write tributes on wooden poppy crosses, some of which were sent for planting in advance of the ceremony, but the four students who attended the event took the crosses with their own tributes on for planting on the day.

The tradition of planting a Field of Remembrance started in 1928 when the Poppy factory took a group of disabled veterans a tray of poppies and a collecting tin to the grounds of St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

The men gathered around an original wooden cross that had been planted there, taken from the battlefield grave of an unknown British soldier.

Some of the men began to push poppies into the ground, curious passers-by stopped to ask questions and before long they began buying and plating poppies of their own – creating the very first Field of Remembrance.

The pupils watched the service which was attended by serving personnel, veterans and the public.

They were happy to see the military goat and horse mascot leading the procession.

After the service, The Sugar Sisters gave a rendition of 'I'll Be Seeing You' and 'We'll Meet Again'.

Then the students saw their crosses being planted followed by a short reception and chance to warm up before catching the train back to school.

A school spokesman said: "The students were a credit to the school and very much enjoyed the morning."

# Llantwit School students' Poland trip includes time to reflect at Auschwitz

## Here is Llantwit Major school student Leah Elliott's report

**AFTER dropping our bags at the hotel we proceeded on foot to the town square, where we met our tour guide for a four-hour walking tour of Krakow.**

We saw amazing architecture including the moving clock and Wawel Castle where we were shown the 'dragon' bones hanging outside, also later a fire breathing dragon statue.

We finished off the day with a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe and everyone was extremely thankful to rest their feet!

On day two we left the hotel at 6.15am on a misty day to go to Auschwitz I, where the tour guide showed us through what would have been living spaces that are now filled with possessions that were stolen from the Jewish people; glasses, cooking equipment, brushes, prosthetics, crutches, suitcases and hair.

We all found the tour very emotional, but simultaneously educational and reflective.

We then moved to Auschwitz Birkenau, which I personally found to be less emotional and personal but a lot more overwhelming due to the massive scale of the camp.

We were informed that 400 or more people would sleep in a stable designed for 54 horses and at the end of the tour we took time to reflect and react in our own way to what we just saw.

We went to Morskie Oko for a traditional Polish night: the atmosphere, entertainment and food was incredible. We all had so much fun dancing and taking part and the entertainment was amazing. We would have done it all again if we had the time!

On day three we walked to the Galicia museum where we learned of the Jewish past and present in Krakow, where we heard the story of a holocaust survivor through a translator, and her story moved us all.

She told us how her Jewish mother had saved her by sending her to live with a Polish family who died, when she returned to live with her Jewish family.

Her father had been saved throughout the war by Oskar Schindler, whose factory we saw in the Jewish quarters of Krakow.

Schindler's museum allowed us to understand that not every German or Pole believed in what Hitler was enforcing and that while not all spoke out against him, a few brave people

did all they could to help the Jewish people of Poland escape persecution.

Day four of our visit to Krakow was a little more relaxed.

Most of us walked to a nearby shopping centre and had lunch before going to take us to the salt mine. We saw the stunning chapel and statues underground and a few brave students licked the walls!

The mine was stunning and truly a work of art.

In conclusion, the trip was a once in a lifetime experience that educated us thoroughly on very important issues and allowed us to gain our own insight into the tragedies that occurred at Auschwitz. We also discovered lots of Polish culture and history that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

# Brainy boys through to next round of quiz

**IT was a busy weekend for 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade: as well as participating in the Remembrance Sunday events, two teams travelled to Gloucester for the first round of the BB National Masterteam (quiz) competition.**

Nationally, 39 teams from England and Wales have entered the competition with 16 going through to round 2. Questions ranged from Bible Knowledge and Sport to Dingbats and European Capital Cities. The B team were unfortunately knocked out of the competition, but the A team finished second in the group on the night and go through to the next round in December. A spokesman said: "Well done to Morgan, Luke, Ciaran and Gabe. They now travel to Tewkesbury for the next round on December 7. Good luck to them!"

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# Youngsters with 'wacky hair' drum up hundreds for Children In Need

*LEFT: Pupils showing off their 'wacky hair' and sportswear in aid of Children in Need.*

*BELOW: Youngsters taking part in one of the day's many exercise sessions.*

**CHILDREN at Llancarfan Primary went to school on November 15 wearing 'Sportswear with Wacky Hair' in aid of Children in Need.**

All of the youngsters took part in three minutes of exercise every 30 minutes throughout the day to help raise money for the charity.

A school spokesman said: "By the end of the day, they were exhausted but extremely happy to be told that their fantastic efforts helped raise over £600 to be sent off to Pudsey Bear!

"This is such a tremendous amount for a small rural school and staff couldn't be more proud of the children.

"A very big thank you goes to everyone who sponsored the children in support of the day."

# Social cycling group raise £200 for air ambulance in memory of president

**MEMBERS of the Cowbridge Ecumenical Cycling Club met in the Plough and Harrow to share a lunch in memory of their president, John Weavers, who passed away recently.**

They also used the get-together as an opportunity to raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance in his memory.

On a windy and showery morning some of the hardier members were seen off by the Mayor and his chaplain from the Cross Inn in Cowbridge to cycle to the meeting point.

A spokesman for the group said: "All enjoyed a good get together, and £200 was raised for Wales Air Ambulance.

Cowbridge Ecumenical Cycling Club is not a cycling club. It is a social club that cycles gently to various hostelries in the Vale for a relaxed and convivial lunch, with the only essential being a requirement to take part in the scoring of the quality of the chips.

It is open to all. Anyone interested in joining should contact David Boult on 07767 818257.

# Trek through a rain-soaked Vale for Penarth Ramblers

**ON a beautiful warm and sunny day, seven walkers joined Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers at Cowbridge on Remembrance Sunday morning and heading alongside the fast flowing River Thaw, they passed below the A48 where boardwalks led them into fields.**

In order to bypass a flooded area, they made towards Aberthin following the road to Newton House, pausing at 11am to observe the two minute silence. Coats were soon discarded and tramping through mud and lush green meadows, they arrived at Llansannor Court followed by a visit to the Church of St Senwyr.

Climbing through a sheep-filled meadow with views of City in the valley below, they entered Coed y Graig before descending to Graig Penllyn for lunch in the park. More fields led them to an old bridleway and on the outskirts of Penllyn with a visit to Salmon's Wells, springs upgraded by Dr William Salmon of Penllyn Court so residents could enjoy clean water. Entering Penllyn Estate beside St John the Evangelist Church, they descended and made their way back to Cowbridge.

Two days later a group of 11 walkers joined Joy for a Shortish Strides walk. The Nash Brook could not be crossed, so by quiet lane and boggy fields, they made their way to Blaen-y-Cwm to the coast. With grey views over the Bristol Channel, they descended through an old fort and crossed stepping stones over Marcross Brook, and a climb up through the wooded Nature Reserve. Paddling through surface water through Cwm Marcross, they joined Heol Las, and re-entered fields to emerge onto Llan Road. Returning into fields and heading west with views towards the old windmill at Wick, a road walk led them along Water Street at Broughton and back into fields opposite The Malthouse for the return to Monknash, where some of the group enjoyed well-earned refreshment at the pub before the journey home.

On November 23, a six-mile moderate walk at Bedwas and Mynydd Dimlaeth will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9am; contact Sylvia on 029 2070 8758.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then contact the leader for advice.

For up to date information, visit www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

**Joy Strangward**

# Christmas comes early for flower arrangers

**COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers held their open evening in the Town Hall when Kathryn Lee from Llanboidy entertained guests and members with her knowledgable facts on a Christmas theme.**

A group spokesman said: "It was a sheer joy to watch her festive imagination being carried away.

"Lots of ladies were seen carrying their beautiful winning arrangements through Cowbridge and also the Christmas raffle helped lots of ladies go home with a prize.

"The mulled wine and mince pies put everyone in a good festive mood, and no spirits were dampened by the rain outside."

President of the club Georgina Magnay thanked Kathryn for her show.

The Christmas social will be the group's next event on November 27, which will be held in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

# Tips for avoiding scams shared with U3A group

**NORMALLY, when a talk is half as long again as expected, the audience becomes restive and there is a steady trickle of departures; but the presentation by Siân Chudleigh at Cowbridge U3A's recent meeting proved interesting and informative to keep most attentive to the end.**

Mrs Chudleigh is the NatWest community banker for Bridgend and the Vale and her subject was the 'Friends against Scams' initiative which aims to prevent people from becoming victims of fraud.

Anyone can fall victim to organised, plausible criminals; it seems that 43% of over 65s will be scammed to some degree, although the greatest current crime rise involves those aged between 16 and 25.

£5-£10 billion is lost annually to scams, but only 5% of these crimes are reported.

Criminals gain their victims' trust by seeming legitimate, friendly, persuasive and persistent, ultimately to exploit people and steal their money.

Examples of the most common forms of scams – postal, telephone, doorstep and on-line – were presented, with details of the various sub-groups these can be divided into.

One of the significant pieces of advice was that if you are requested to move money from your account to a 'safe' account by a telephone caller who claims you are the victim of attempted fraud, don't!

Many unsolicited calls are received after banks are closed when people feel they cannot ring their branch, but never use a telephone number given to you by the caller to confirm their veracity: always use the 24-hour number given on credit and debit cards.

The bogus caller may keep the line open, so either use another phone to call, or ring a trusted number (family or friends) to check the telephone line is free.

With regard to online fraud, never allow remote access to your computer, as malware can be installed. Always use a reputable person or company to repair your equipment.

Scammers have become expert at creating copycat versions of the major banks' text formats and websites, but, remember, banks never include links or telephone numbers in messages.

The top scams, which have a range of variations, are impersonation (of police, banks, BT, Microsoft and the tax office), text message fraud, goods or services paid for but never received or counterfeit items supplied, so-called romance scams, and diverted payments, where money transfers are directed to an account other than to the desired recipient (eg solicitor, builder).

Mrs Chudleigh's advice was never to disclose your security details, never assume everyone is genuine, don't allow yourself to be rushed and listen to your instincts. Never buy, sell or trade from a cold call approach, whether it is on the doorstep, by telephone call or via a text or e-mail message.

The group's next meeting will feature enterntainment from the Porthcawl Ukulele Bandits at 2pm on December 11 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

# Not a dry eye in the room as Martin Sheen's uncle entertains Boverton WI members

**BOVERTON WI had a wonderful start to their Christmas Season as their speaker for the evening was John Sheen.**

He is the uncle of Michael Sheen, but unfortunately he did not bring him along.

His talk was 'My Christmas Crackers'.

A group spokesman said: "There was not a dry eye in the hall because we could not stop laughing. All I can say is, we look forward to his next visit."

On Saturday the WI's Christmas trip is to Webbs of Wychbold and Worcester.

The group's Christmas meal in December will be at St Athan Golf Club with 48 members signed up.

The carol service this year will be in St Illtyd's Church on Monday, December 16.

The monthly competition of a home-made cracker was won by Ann Beckwith.

Boverton WI meets in the Llantonian Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Guests will be made very welcome.

# Latest news from Bonvilston WI

**ON November 7 St Nicholas with Bonvilston WI president Janet Hayes welcomed members and guest speaker Jane Exell to the meeting.**

Jane demonstrated floral arrangements for Christmas and gave a brief history of how she became a flower arranger.

Four floral displays were donated as raffle prizes.

The 'design a poppy' competition was won by Vivienne Hayes.

The next meeting will be held on December 5 at the Reading Room Bonvilston, this will be a Christmas celebration with a buffet, quiz and carol singing.

On November 11, 14 ladies attend the Hotters shoe shop in Cardiff. A spokesman for the group said: "We were greeted by staff, with drinks on arrival, and short history of how Hotters began.

"This was followed by a game of bingo; one line was won by Marian Owen and her prize was socks and shoe cleaning items and a full house was won by Lis Owen, who won a voucher for new shoes in the spring collection."

# Wellbeing Cafe a resounding success

**THE first wellbeing café at CF61, Station Road in Llantwit Major was a resounding success.**

The café is run by volunteers from the ReBUILD project.

Volunteers welcomed people from the community with warm drinks and a friendly smile.

People benefited from Mindfulness and Breathing Workshops and the Art and Craft table, and enjoyed the relaxed, homely feeling that the volunteers created.

People left with bags full of delicious bread, cakes, fruit and vegetables from Filco and Co-op.

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# St Athan gets ready for the big Christmas lights switch-on!

**THE village of St Athan will host its annual Christmas Lights Festivities on Sunday December 1.**

From 3pm there'll be free fairground rides, face painting and live entertainment on the stage with a chance to visit Santa in his Grotto (small charge).

St Tathan Church will be organising Christmas Craft activities plus free refreshments – tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies. There'll be a burger van for hot food and snacks and also, for the first time, Lauren's Llantwit Ice Cream Van for crepes, waffles and hot chocolate (with marshmallows...)

Stage entertainers will include St Athan Youth Band, the Psychedelic Monks, the ATC Choir, Meibion Y Machlud, Patsy Hunt and the fabulous St Athan Primary School Choir (*pictured above at last year's event*).

Leading up to the magic moment, there'll be a Scout Group Lantern Parade escorting special guests to the stage for the lights to be switched on at precisely 5pm. Former Welsh Rugby Union captain and lock forward Gareth Llewellyn (92 international caps) has agreed to 'Press the Magic Button' and light up the village!

Following this, St Tathan Church will offer a very warm welcome to all for its traditional Christingle Service (it's also the first Sunday in Advent) while Patsy Hunt will be singing live in the Three Horseshoes.

The Christmas Lights Grand Prize Draw will take place at 7pm in the Three Horseshoes before Claire M brings the event to a close.

To keep everyone safe, a short section of Llantwit Road will be closed to traffic – from the junction with Gileston Road to the Warlow Close/Llantwit Gardens Close cross, from 12 noon to 7pm, so if you have friends visiting the area on the day, please advise them that access is via Glyndwr Avenue.

For any further details, please contact the event coordinator Alan Bourne on 07769 977207.

**AJ**

# Nearly 900 attacks on blue-light workers since stricter law came into force

**HUNDREDS of emergency service workers were attacked in south Wales since a new law, aimed at handing out stricter sentences to people who assault blue-light staff, came into force.**

Some 868 assaults were reported in the 12 months after the law came into effect on November 18 last year with charges being brought in about 62 per cent of cases.

South Wales Police's Chief Constable, Matt Jukes said the number of assaults on emergency personnel who are just doing their job is still unacceptably high.

The act makes attacks on police officers, paramedics, firefighters and prison officers an aggravating feature in sentencing, and introduced a new offence of minor assaults against emergency workers.

Chief Constable Jukes said: "I am constantly in awe of the dedication, determination and courage shown by our officers and staff who put themselves in harm's way to tackle violent offenders on behalf of others, some of whom are among the most vulnerable in our society.

"But there is never any justification for attacking those who are doing an extraordinary job in keeping south Wales safe.

"Nobody comes to work in order to be punched, kicked, spat at, bitten or threatened, and yet in too many cases this is exactly what happens."

He added: "Our officers and staff go about their job in an exceptional way, but they are still people like you and I – not punchbags.

"Other emergency personnel, similarly, are committed public servants, and anyone who thinks they have free rein to attack them should expect to be dealt with severely by the criminal justice system.

"The courts now have more power to deal with offenders, but the fact that almost 870 assaults on emergency workers were reported in the last 12 months show there is still some way to go."

# Trekkers raise £110,000 for terminal illness charity

**A GROUP of 28 fundraisers have raised more than £110,000 for Marie Curie in Wales after trekking through the Vietnamese countryside.**

The team, which included Marie Curie nurses, volunteers and family members of those cared for by the charity, tackled demanding daily hikes, valleys and paddy fields of northern Vietnam. Lisa Richards, a Marie Curie nurse from Rhuddlan was part of the group and has raised more than £7,000 for the charity's services across Wales. Lisa lost six stone in preparation for the challenge.

"I've worked for Marie Curie for almost 14 years and I am always amazed by the fantastic fundraisers who work tirelessly giving their time and energy to raise money for the charity, so this year I wanted to be a part of that process.

"I was supported every step of the way on the trek by a fantastic group of people who lifted me up when I stumbled and made me feel like I'd known them forever, and I've really made friends for life."

Mariclare Carey-Jones, BBC journalist, broadcaster and ambassador for the charity's Cardiff and the Vale hospice, took part in the challenge. She said: "As an ambassador for the Marie Curie Cardiff & Vale Hospice I know how important fundraising is. Knowing I could give something back to this fantastic charity that has done so much for me and my family was my main motivation for signing up to the Vietnam trek, while the opportunity to experience a new country and undertake an amazing challenge was a real bonus. I have now completed two overseas treks for Marie Curie and I can't recommend them enough!"

Conquering fears, taking on challenges and celebrating milestones are just some of the reasons people sign up for an overseas trek to raise funds for Marie Curie. The charity is calling on people to sign up for its next trek to Patagonia, to raise funds for the Marie Curie nursing service across Wales which includes care at patients' homes as well as at the hospice. Last year, Marie Curie nurses cared for more than 3,000 patients and their families across Wales, at a cost of more than £8 million a year.

Hannah Leckie, community fundraiser for Cardiff and the Vale, said: "Our treks are always very popular, whether it's with people looking to take on a new challenge in a beautiful country with stunning landscapes, or those whose family has been cared for at the hospice and want to give something back."

To find out more about the Patagonia trek and to register your place, visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events

# Barry Round Table announce Santa Sleigh routes

**THE elves from Barry Round Table will announce the route of the Barry Santa Sleigh on Bro Radio, airing on November 23 and 30 from 11am.**

The shows will look back on the organisation's work over the last 12 months.

The sleigh, which has been an annual tradition since 1972 raises money for local good causes in and around Barry.

Funding can be applied for by community groups, organisations or charities via its website.

Santa's first outing will be at the Holton Road Christmas Lights switch on, when he will visit his grotto on King Square on November 23.

Santa's next stop will be when he helps the High Street Traders with their switch on event on November 29.

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# Cash-strapped pensioners' parliament protest

**WOMEN from all across the UK – including South Wales – descended on Westminster earlier this month to protest against changes to their pensions.**

A group of MPs joined forces with campaigners for the demonstration which was organised after the government equalised the state pension age for men and women.

Some of the women claim the move has left them facing financial hardship as changes were made with little or no warning - meaning they didn't have time to adjust their retirement plans.

Barry resident Kay Clark, who launched the 1950s Women of Wales and Beyond group, was one of the many women at the protest on November 5.

She told the GEM: "We had a very successful journey to Westminster and were joined by women from 92 different towns all over the country.

"Women travelled from as far as Scotland and Cornwall to protest yet again about the lack of notice of a huge six year increase to women's state pension age.

"A new proposal was handed to those MPs present for them to think about during the break and we hope to resume our campaign with renewed vigour once Parliament resumes in December."

The protestors stopped traffic outside Parliament during their demonstration and burned an effigy of Guy Fawkes on the nearby green.

Ms Kay added: "Most poignant of all was the moment we all lined up together in solidarity as we honoured a staggering 82,500 of our dearly departed sisters who have passed away since turning 60 without the pension they had been given to believe would be theirs during the whole of their working lives.

"We left green, white and purple ribbons with their names written on them tied to the railings surrounding Westminster.

"I was asked later how many came to London on the day. Thousands? Hundreds? I answered millions because I am certain they were all with us in spirit along with many more."

# Shocking hike in livestock slaughters due to TB cases

**WELSH Conservatives say that damning figures show that the Labour Government's bovine TB policy isn't working.**

A record 12,799 cattle – a 28% jump – were slaughtered in Wales because of bovine TB in the year to August, figures from DEFRA released last week state, with one region showing a disturbing 190% leap for animals slaughtered in the same period.

Comparable figures for livestock slaughtered in England show a 1% drop.

In the same period, there was a 7% increase in the number of herds in Wales not officially classified as bovine TB free due to a bovine TB incident.

Comparably, England saw a 6% decrease in herds classified as not officially bovine TB free.

Commenting on the figures, Shadow Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Andrew RT Davies AM said: "These figures will make for worrying reading for farmers across Wales, many of whom have been – and continue to be – severely affected by Bovine TB. The Welsh Government has been painfully slow to act and this has left many rural businesses across the country in limbo.

"Labour's current approach is expensive, erratic and fails to give farmers confidence that this disease will be eradicated in Wales. Quite rightly, there is a great deal of anger and frustration within the rural community with farmers now at their wits' end. They are doing all that they can by following stringent cattle movement and testing controls, but it's time the Cabinet Minister and her government stepped up to the plate.

"Sadly, the action and measures the government have implemented to date are failing the farming community and a lasting solution is now long overdue."

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Paul Davies AM who represents Preseli Pembrokeshire, added: "This terrible disease has an enormous impact on our rural communities, especially our farmers who are suffering with their mental health due to the emotional strain and the potential loss of their livelihood.

"The Farmers' Union of Wales has also called on your Government to step up its efforts to tackle this crisis and argue that cattle controls alone are not sufficient. NFU Cymru has urged your Government to look towards our neighbours and to learn the lessons of the eradication strategy there, where the strategy focuses on a partnership approach to tackle the disease in cattle and wildlife.

"Yet while farmers are guardians of the land, they are also business people. Their farms are their livelihoods, and bovine TB affects them, their livestock, their lives and health immeasurably. I – and my Welsh Conservative colleagues in the Assembly – will continue to press this Government to step up its efforts to deal with bovine TB, and get behind our farmers."

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# Archaeologists unearth 'shipwreck' skeletons during Vale dig

**SKELETAL remains of at least six individuals from the distant past have been saved from coastal erosion after a team of experts spent eight days excavating the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coastline.**

Archaeologists from Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) and Cardiff University teamed up with Natural Resources Wales to excavate the remains eroding from the cliff edge at Cwm Nash.

Initial findings suggest the group may have been victims of shipwreck.

Leader of the excavation for GGAT, Paul Huckfield, said: "This is the largest rescue excavation undertaken in this area and demanded the collaboration of a team of experts to save these remains and to tell the stories of the individuals involved."

Professor of Bioarchaeology Jacqui Mulville, who led the Cardiff University team, added: "Many of the skeletons have lost bones to the sea, but early analysis of the burial positions of the individuals has been revealing.

"There is a single younger individual, buried away from the rest, with others buried side-by-side or even together in a single grave.

"Our latest thinking is that these are Tudor or Stuart men who may have been the victims of shipwreck. We aim to tell more of their stories and return their identities to them through ongoing post-excavation analysis."

Investigations of two further graves yielded no remains, with coastal erosion the victor.

Previous radiocarbon dating of individuals recovered from the Cwm Nash cemetery has placed those found as late 16th or early 17th century, living in the early modern period of the Tudors and the Stuarts. The earliest burial licence for the parish of Monknash, in which the discoveries lay, was granted in 1609.

The intricate excavations were conducted over three days in July and five days in September in changeable conditions along the edge of the eroding cliff.

Professor Mulville led the nine-strong team of Cardiff archaeologists: Adelle Bricking, Ciara Butler, Katie Faillace, Eirini Konstantinidi, Michael Legge, Hanna-Marie Pageau and Tiffany Treadway (all PhD students) and MSc Archaeological Science student Lois Turnbull, alongside local landowner and archaeologist Dr Richard Hubbard.

Bioarchaeologists at the University will be carrying out detailed analysis of the human remains into 2020.

Preliminary results focused on the first excavated individual were revealed in the eighth series of BBC Four's *Digging for Britain*, which aired on November 20.

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# Shoppers urged to support local businesses this Christmas

**THE Farmers' Union of Wales is urging shoppers to keep their Christmas shopping local to show support for rural and local businesses.**

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "As we speed towards Christmas, I would like to urge you to think about your rural businesses and see if you can buy local, either for the upcoming Christmas dinner or even gifts for family and friends.

"Speak to your local butcher about meat for the Christmas period and see what your local farm shop has to offer.

"I promise you will find many of the ingredients you need for your Christmas dinner right on your doorstep.

"There are also plenty of small shops around that offer Welsh craft and locally designed gifts, and of course the choice for local food gifts is wide.

"It really is worth having a look.

"These are small decisions we can make that will have a big impact on our rural economy.

"A pound spent locally will go much further than a pound spent in a chain store and it keeps our rural economies going.

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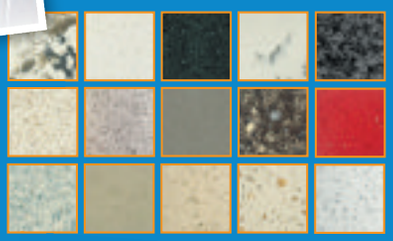

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# Gok Wan shares hot tips with fashion students

**FASHION students from Cardiff and Vale College recently had the opportunity to work with fashion consultant, author and TV presenter Gok Wan on his recent show in Cardiff.**

The first and second year learners were given a life brief by his production company to work as runners and dressers at the 'One Size Fits All' show which was held recently at the Mercure Holland House in Cardiff. Students helped style models who were wearing local and high street brands, assisted with the set-up of the main event area, prepared gift bags, helped Gok with a Q&A and welcomed guests.

Their lecturer, Kerry Cameron said: "The students provided excellent customer service and gained lots of valuable experience and benefits from working with Gok and the Beautiful Events and Productions team." Live briefs occur when an external or industry source commission students to undertake a certain task, giving them real and not realistic work experience in their chosen career.

Jessica Giltinan worked as a runner during the show. "It was really good," the 19-year-old fashion student from Barry said. "We all agreed that it was better than we expected and we were a lot more involved than we thought we were going to be. It gave us a really good insight into what working on a fashion show is like."

Imogen Vaughan, 16 and from Cardiff, had the role of dresser. "It was really nice to see the promotion of different types of body image and it was great to get some experience of working behind the scenes in the fashion industry," she said. "It was fun to learn how to dress models – Gok Wan was fun to be around and all of the models were really nice as well."

# 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it,' says AM about proposed curriculum changes

**WELSH Conservative Shadow Education Minister Suzy Davies has suggested that if the qualifications system in Wales does not need changing, then it should be left as it is.**

The comments come as the independent regulator Qualifications Wales has launched a major consultation to find out people's views on the qualifications that will be needed for Welsh Government's proposed new curriculum.

Mrs Davies said: "GCSEs are recognised across the world and parents, teachers, employers and, importantly, young people themselves all understand what GCSEs are and have confidence in the qualifications."

Qualifications Wales has itself urged that GCSEs not to be ditched as they are "…valued and widely recognised".

However, the Future Generations Commissioner has called for the qualifications for 16 and 17 year olds to be scrapped in a move to other forms of assessment.

Mrs Davies added: "What is most important is the content and quality of exams that young people are taking.

"GCSEs have stood the test of time up until now and they can be used for a wide variety of subject and types of assessment.

"This is crucial as it means young people in Wales will be able to see how they compare to their peers and those young people across the border in England as well as around the world.

"The phrase 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' springs to mind."

Mrs Davies has urged as many people as possible to have their say during the 12-week consultation period called 'Qualified for the Future.'

The Shadow Education Minister added: "It is important that Qualifications Wales get views and opinions from as many people as possible so that they can make the best decision on what qualifications look like for the future.

"I would encourage everyone to make sure they have their say."

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT

# Holton Road, Barry

## ‘Let there be light in Holton Road’, says Nessa

**A ‘CHRISTMAS bonanza’ is promised on Holton Road this weekend, with a visit by Santa Claus and his elves, the Christmas lights switch-on, an outdoor cinema, a festive market, live music, street entertainers and a woman who really can claim to be an ‘icon’ of Barry!**

It all starts on Friday, November 22, 5pm to 8pm, when there will be late night shopping, with the added bonus of a Christmas Market. Local shops will be opening late with exclusive offers, food, drinks, entertainment.

On Saturday (November 23) the Christmas lights will be switched by the afore-mentioned Barry icon – Nessa from Gavin and Stacey.

No look-a-like for Holton Road, it’s the 100 per cent genuine article – Ruth Jones herself – who will be making the trip to highlight the upcoming Gavin and Stacey Christmas Day special.

That switch-on, at 6pm, is not even the climax of the night, as the family movie, *Home Alone*, will be shown in Central Park. It’s free and it begins at 6.15pm.

Leading up to the switch-on, starting at 11am, there will be a Christmas Market with more than 40 stalls, the traders’ biggest market to date!

From 11am on Friday, around 40 different businesses will be offering everything from candles to candyfloss.

There will be a host of stalls providing food, including preserves, chutneys, pizza, pies, cupcakes and a hog roast, with others selling cosmetics, clothes, toys, ceramics, jewellery, art, books and much more to help spark gift ideas.

Barry Round Table’s Santa and his helpers will be on King Square to take photos and meet children, and there will be music on the stage and street entertainment throughout the day.

There will also be a fun fair provided by Danter and Sons.

Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders’ Association said: “Our Christmas event this year is bigger and better than ever, thanks to the collaboration between Holton Road Traders Association, the Vale Council and Barry Town Council.”

Phil Chappell, the Vale Council operational manager for regeneration and planning, said: “This year’s Barry Christmas market will be larger than ever with stalls selling a wide variety of seasonal produce.

“Whether you’re after the perfect gift or some festive food, there should be plenty of choice on offer, with local legend Nessa switching on the lights before a special showing of *Home Alone*.

“As a council, we have worked hard alongside local traders to encourage people to our town centres. Hopefully, Vale residents will come out in force to enjoy what promises to be a magical weekend and really give these businesses a boost. This is just one of a series of Christmas events the council is supporting in the run up to the festive season.”

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## Hair and beauty at All About You

**IN Holton Road, All About You is a busy unisex stylist and salon, and owners Carla and Jermaine are constantly looking to extend the services they offer.**

Stylist Sam has been with the business for two years, joining Gemma and Amy, and All About You operates a system of walk-ins and appointments to keep their customers happy.

They also offer nail and beauty treatments.

Carla and Jermaine told The GEM: "We would like to wish all our customers a Happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing them all next year."

## 'The Lair' is back at TL systems

**HISTORY is repeating itself in one established business in Holton Road.**

At TL Systems, Dave Elliot has been keeping local people up to date with the fast-moving world of IT for 23 years.

However, back in 1996 Dave opened a war gaming shop called 'The Lair' and that sector of the market has proved so resilient that it is back again!

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## Funeral Service believes in listening to families

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Robert said: "It is all about listening to families, and doing your best to provide what will make them comfortable. It often involves steering people away from being carried away by the emotion of the occasion and spending more than they can afford."

In fact, Robert D Johnson is now an agent for Memoria, a company that is offering 'straight to crematorium' funerals, which cost from £1,100 (terms and conditions apply). Surprisingly, interest in this type of funeral has surged since the death of David Bowie. Bowie chose to be cremated as soon as hospital paperwork allowed, with church service, and his ashes were later scattered in Bali.

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# Holton Road, Barry

## Historic chapel up for sale

**THE iconic chapel opposite the library on King Square in Barry has been put up for sale.**

Like many other churches in Barry, the congregation has dwindled and has found it difficult to look after the building. Tabernacl is the last Welsh language chapel in Barry.

The church will look back with pride at the chapel's contribution to the life of the town, as well as the spiritual life of the church. In 1976 Morning Worship on ITV was broadcast live throughout the UK from Tabernacl, and it has featured on the BBC and S4C.

Over the years it has hosted many musical events, particularly at Christmas time, and in 2011-2012, the National Eisteddfod Choir held all its weekly rehearsals there.

The church was first established on this site in a tin shed on April 20, 1890 by 40 people who came to live in Barry and were previously members at Bethel, Penarth.

The churches at Tabernacl and Bethel Penarth have come together again in recent times for the ministry of the Reverend Kevin Davies.

The original building cost £285! £85 was collected on the day the church was established. The present building was erected in 1894 and the gallery was built in 1914 to cope with the increased membership.

In 1924 the pipe organ was built and installed and the musical reputation of the church was established. Descendants of some of those early pioneers were worshipping in the chapel a hundred years later.

In 1899, Rev Ben Evans became the minister of Tabernacl and during his time, church membership grew to over 400. He played a large part in the civic life of Barry and was a strong advocate of temperance.

His son, Dan Evans, established a store in the town and played an active role in the cultural and political life of Barry. Ben Evans' grandson, Gwynfor Evans, became the first Plaid Cymru Member of Parliament and his great grandchildren are members of the church today.

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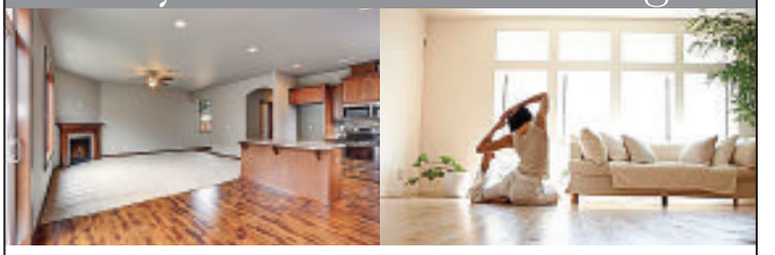

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Chief Executive Leanne Herberg said: "We hope that the accreditation will help to further advance our ambitions for more local people to use us for ethical personal loans, and also for more employers to partner with us, encouraging financial wellbeing in the workplace."

The accreditation comes as part of a strategy to grow the credit union's profile in the capital, which will include the opening of a city centre branch in early 2020, and improved digital access to services.

# Don't forget roses in autumn tidy-up

**AS you cut back the last of your summer-flowering perennials, you may want to prune some of your roses too.**

You may have done the last weeding of the year and neatened the edges on your borders – but what about your roses?

While many gardeners traditionally prune their roses in late winter or early spring, it is possible to tidy them up in autumn, especially if you want a neat framework in place for next year.

Established climbing roses will benefit from pruning from autumn to early spring. Cut back old unwanted stems to 30cm (12in) above ground level, thinning out crossed stems and congested growth before tying in the new season's stems. Remember that when you are making a cut above a bud, that bud will grow in the direction in which it is pointing. When training the new stems on to horizontal wire, create an evenly spaced fan of around half a dozen stems from which the new flowering shoots will grow. In spring, you can again cut the sideshoots back to two or three buds from the main stem and tie in any further upright shoots which have developed.

Shrub roses can be trimmed back so the longer stems aren't damaged by windrock to get the bushes into a good shape. You'll get just as good a show of roses whether you cut off the top of the bush using a hedge trimmer or prune in the traditional way, removing individual stems. Remove damaged and diseased leaves and faded flowers, but don't deadhead roses which are going to produce hips, to add colour to the winter garden. If you grow tall, unstaked roses in a windy spot, it's advisable to cut back the shoots by a quarter to a third to stop windrock loosening the roots in the soil. Other roses can be left until late winter or early spring, cutting out the dead and damaged wood before pruning the stems you want to keep by two thirds. Look out for suckers at the base of the plants and pull them away from the parent plant rather than cutting them off, which may leave dormant buds at the base of the shoot.

# Cosmology Corner

## Sir Edmund Halley's Great Prediction

**I HAVE found inspiration for many of these features in the birth anniversaries of some of the world's greatest scientists.**

Born in London on November 8 in 1656, Edmund Halley was a contemporary and friend and colleague of Sir Isaac Newton. He contributed to Newton's development of his theory of gravity which demonstrated that we live on a planet which orbits the Sun, founding the modern era of science. In Halley's time, although comets were a known occasional phenomenon visible in the night sky, they were thought of as passing just once through our solar system on parabolic orbits which would fling them away from the solar system once they had passed round the Sun. No-one dreamed that some of them might be returning over and over. In his book, Halley described the parabolic orbits of 24 comets that had been observed from 1337 to 1698. Using Newton's theory of gravitation, however, Halley found that the three historic comets of 1531, 1607 and 1682 had such remarkable similarities in their orbits that they were likely successive returns of the same celestial visitor. Noting that the periods separating the appearances of these three comets were both between 75 and 76 years, Halley had his own 'eureka' moment and made a leap: he claimed that these supposedly three comets must in fact be a single comet, not on a parabolic orbit – but on an elliptical orbit which returns periodically every 76 years. He then made the stunning prediction that the comet would return, saying: "Hence I dare venture to foretell, that it will return again in the year 1758."

In 1720 Halley was appointed the second Astronomer Royal, succeeding John Flamsteed who he met while at Oxford. Regrettably, Halley did not live to see his prediction verified, but 16 years after his death, right on schedule in 1758, the comet which now famously bears his name did indeed return. The scientific world, and the public, were amazed. During its last appearance in Earth's skies in 1986, thanks to the predictability of its orbit Halley's comet was met in space by a fleet of spacecraft which provided the first observational data on the structure of a comet nucleus and the mechanics of the coma and tail formation. We now know that comets are small icy, solar system bodies in highly elliptical orbits that, when passing close to the Sun, warm and begin to release gases which produce a visible atmosphere, or coma, and sometimes also a tail. Their cores range from a few hundred metres in diameter to tens of kilometres across and are composed of a loose collection of ice, dust and rocky particles, commonly described as 'a dirty snowball'. Their tails may stretch up to a hundred million miles across the night sky.

For those of us who may still be around, Halley's comet will be back in our skies during 2061.

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Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

# Come to the bright lights of Llantwit Major!

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**at any time of year, but during the**

The pace of life is calmer, and you can take your time when out browsing for presents.

Llantwit also offers a number of excellent places to stop and take a break – with a wide range of cafes, pubs, and restaurants.

And of course, there is the history to be found in the old town centre, all so close together and with St Illtud's Church and the Galilee Chapel at its centre.

This year, on Saturday, November 30, the highlight of the pre-Christmas build-up will be the switching-on of the town's Christmas lights, and there will be extra lights this year, as the Vale Council's Regeneration Team has successfully applied for funding from the Welsh Government.

Leading up to the lights switch on, which this year will be done by TV chefs Sam and Shauna from the Hangfire Smokehouse (, the town's Christmas committee has organised a 'Festival of Lights' – including a lantern parade through the town, and in the town hall, Santa will be in his grotto from 2pm.

The lantern parade will start at 5.15pm, while the lights switch on will be at 6pm.

In and around the town hall, there will be a snow machine, mulled wine, carol singing and an indoor market.

Elsewhere in the town, around the shopping precinct, the local events committee has arranged more attractions and activities.

There will be children's entertainers and fairground rides, and a stage area where local choirs and bands will be playing.

There will be craft stalls, and the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lionswill be making their famous burgers, with the proceeds going to charity.

There will be a collection for the Vale of Glamorgan Big Wrap, which aims to provide presents for disadvantaged children and young people in the Vale.

Also, between 10am and 6pm, there will be a charity raffle, and another activity planned is a 'snowman treasure hunt' for children to enjoy.

It's a day that is designed to show off all that the town has to offer, and what better way is there to build up to Christmas than by getting a good dose of festive feeling?


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Town Councillors
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## Christmas bouquets from Pastures Green in Llantwit

**IN Llantwit Major, Green Pastures has years of experience as a florist – 30 to be precise – so it means that Jo and her staff know what people want as the festive season approaches.**

Christmas bouquets will be available from December 9 all the way up to Christmas Eve.

Pastures Green is also taking orders for holly wreaths and blue pine wreaths, all specially made to order. Daily deliveries are available.

Jo and her staff would like to wish customers old and new a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

# Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

## All your flooring needs covered!

**HICKMAN Flooring is a family run business located on Boverton Road, Llantwit Major.**

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## The Atig, bringing craft beer to Llantwit Major

**HIDDEN away up an unassuming staircase, above the popular Coast cafe in Poundfield Shopping Centre is the newest addition to Llantwit Major, the Atig.**

Specialising in craft beers and spirits from a range of breweries and distilleries across Wales, the UK and from further afield, The Atig showcases some fantastic independent producers and provides a quirky yet cozy atmosphere to enjoy some quality drinks.

Offering beer flights as well as an impressive range of gins, The Atig offers the ideal venue for a great night out.

On November 29, they'll be introducing their new gin menu, to a funk and soul soundtrack from a great local DJ; and with tap takeovers in the pipeline – as well as the promise of mulled wine and Christmas festivities, The Atig is well worth a visit.

## Uno's first Christmas in Llantwit

**ONE business that will be spending its first Christmas in Llantwit Major is Uno's, which specialises in all types of pet food.**

It was 11 months ago that Gavin Jones and Anna Caldon took over the business in the centre of town. It was a pet shop before, but they have put their own stamp on it.

This Christmas, they will be offering premium Nordmann Fir trees, in a full range of sizes, with free local delivery.

The trees arrive next Monday (November 25).

Also with Christmas in mind, they are stocking a full range of festive food treats for all pets.

Anna said: "Another thing we have introduced is to supply feed loose whenever possible.

"This is, of course, better value, but it also saves on packaging. Bird seed is particularly popular when sold in this way."

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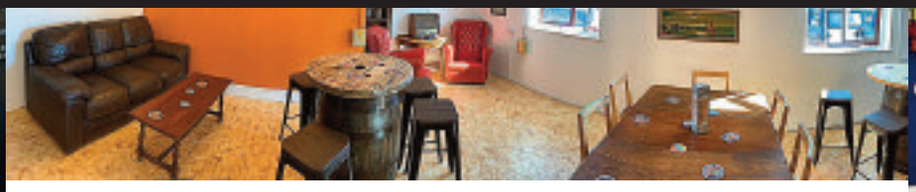

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Opposite the railway station above Coast Cafe!

# Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

## Things just keep getting better and better at Llantwit Spar

**YOUR favourite Llantwit convenience store just got better.**

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For lunch, you could try some product from our new Daily Deli, offering all the usual favourites including pasties, pies, sandwiches, baguettes and vegan sausage rolls.

As the night rolls in, we have some fantastic award-winning Spar meals, fresh meat, produce and bakery to fill that hunger gap on the way home from work or the pub.

Conveniently located in the middle of town, Llantwit Major Spar is back better than ever with a range that would satisfy all your needs from 6am right through until 10pm every day of the week.

Why not pop in and see what Spar can do for you?


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## Seven years at Plaza Toymaster

**WE celebrate our seventh birthday at Plaza Toymaster this Christmas.**

After trading for many years as Rainbow Plaza, the toy department moved to its current premises in the Poundfield Precinct.

In 2015, we won our first accolade, Best Independent Toy Retailer against some wonderful toyshops at the Progressive Preschool Awards in London.

People who have visited the store for the first time are often surprised at how such a relatively small store in a small town belies the large range of toy categories and brands we stock.

From evergreen ranges such as Playmobil, Sylvanian Families, Schleich, Hornby, Airfix and an extensive range of Lego, through to more up to date trends such as L.O.L. dolls, Pokemon, Fortnite toys, plus many more.

This is now the time of year when stores release their top 10 predictions or 'Dream Toy' lists for Christmas, and I'm often asked my opinion on the matter. Being an independent toy retailer as opposed to a multiple chain of stores, our expectations can, and often do, differ.

However, this year I don't think I'll be too wide off the mark by saying L.O.L. OMG Dolls, Nerf Fortnite guns and this year's top game going to either Harry Potter Dobbie or Stranger Things Monopoly.

So if traipsing through town on a winter's day or visiting national stores where their sheer scale numbs your mind isn't your thing, try your friendly local toyshop. Even Aladdin's cave didn't have this many toys!

## The gift of a book at Christmas from Nickleby's

**BOOKS make ideal Christmas presents and the team at Nickleby's Bookstore has a wide variety in stock, to suit every interest and age group; and if the title you would like is not in our stock, we can order any book, in print or out of print, for speedy delivery from anywhere in the world - please put us to the test!**

We will be accepting orders for Christmas delivery right up until Saturday, December 21 and don't forget – we can also order CDs, LPs and DVDs.

With a combined experience of over 90 years' working with books our team can provide the expertise and advice that is only possible from a dedicated, local, over-the-counter service.

Our team - John, Kath, Cheryl and Biddy - would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a happy Christmas and to say a big thank you for your loyal support throughout 2019.

# Llantwit Major ALIVE WITH LIGHTS this Christmas

## A Llantwit shop that has the right Stwff

**OPENING in 2015, STWFF is now a fixture in the Llantwit Major old town square, bringing a unique shopping experience to the town, with two stores side by side in Church Street. STWFF offers the latest on-trend homewares and gifts for newborn, children and teens, gifts for men, candles, stationery, books, jewellery, accessories, bags and cards.**

Their Christmas shop has a wide selection of decorations, tea light holders and lights, plus a great range of chocolate, chutneys, crackers and other Welsh food products for a treat at Christmas.

Find inspiration for a gift, a little something for yourself or that special Christmas decoration for the finishing touch to your tree.

Follow them on Facebook @stwffstuffuk, Insta @stwffstuff and Twitter @stwffstuff.

Stores are open Monday-Saturday, 9.30am-5pm and Sunday, 11am-3pm or shop online stwff-stuff.co.uk including the option to pick up in store at 2, Church Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SB.

## The changing face of boutiques!

**WE all love quirky and individual stores and boutiques, but if the idea of boutique clothes shopping leaves you cold because of eye-watering prices, you're not alone!**

One of the few positives to emerge from the current retail turmoil has been a focus on delivering what customers actually want, not just the aspirations of boardrooms or business owners.

At Sloan & Co we've broken away from the high price boutique cohort. Of course we adore quality, and individual style; but with us, you'll find all our fantastic knitwear, tops, dresses, bags, scarves and accessories and gifts – although on trend and beautifully cut – will all be priced under £50, even the cashmere, angora and wool blends.

When you factor in the discount available from our free 'money off' loyalty card we hope you'll enjoy the saving, and be fabulously dressed!

You can see our 1,000 style range for yourself, all displayed by colour at our beautiful store in Llantwit Major. We're open seven days a week until Christmas.

Find our store Between Filco and Co-Op In Llantwit Major, with free parking. See our new lines on Facebook or Instagram (Sloanandcompany) or Google Sloan+Llantwit".

## The place for Christmas

**CHRISTMAS is synonymous with roaring wood burners, great food, beer and fine wine, not to mention festive cheer and laughter.**

You can enjoy all this, and more at The Victoria Inn, Sigingstone near Cowbridge. What could be better than mulled wine by the fire in the company of family and friends, or a delicious home-cooked festive set meal, or something from the à la carte menu?

Soak up the magical decorations and atmosphere which are not to be missed, with every visit; you will spot something new that you missed on your previous visit.

The Victoria Inn, which is still family-owned and run, is a must if you wish to get into the Christmas festive mood.

To view the festive menus, visit www.victoriainnsigingstone.com, call 01446 773943, or email info@victoriainnsigingstone.com.

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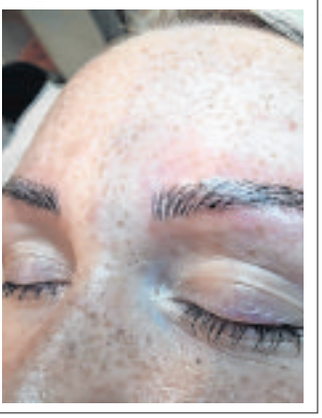

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# Out & About with The GEM

## Start the festive season at St Donat's

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The popular, family friendly, annual event showcases a creative mix of handmade designer crafts and food exhibitors; the perfect opportunity to get into the Christmas swing of things and pick up some great gifts.

With over 50 stalls to browse, including a number of first-time exhibitors such as Boho Buffalo, Chris Short Woodwork, Seren Willow and The Welsh Cheese Company, you're sure to find that extra special Christmas present. The Christmas Fair takes place in the grounds of St Donat's Castle and Arts Centre. Younger visitors can enjoy face painting, Christmas crafts and not forgetting that all important chance to meet Santa in his grotto too. In addition to creative craft and food stalls, live music will be performed by the talented students of UWC Atlantic. In The Glass Room Café overlooking the sea, you can take a break from shopping and enjoy a range of festive refreshments or if you prefer something a bit different, head outside to the street food pop-ups. For a fantastic festive family day out, wrap up warm and head to St Donat's Castle for this one day only event, 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday, December 1.

## What's on, and where?

### Quiz at Llantwit Major

**QUIZ Night at Llantwit Major Library is on Friday, November 22 from 7pm to 9pm. Booking required; call into the library. Entry is £2, with raffle and a bar.**

### Christmas Bazaar

**A CHRISTMAS Bazaar will take place at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, November 23 from 10am to noon.**

Christmas raffle (includes prizes from local businesses), Bric a Brac/jewellery and craft stalls, etc.

### Santa comes to Bridgend!

**SANTA and his reindeer will arrive in Bridgend on November 23 in his Carnegie House grotto for four Saturdays: November 23 and 30, December 7 and 14.**

£6 per child per visit, plus quality gift; free craft tables for those children waiting to see Santa. Bookings in advance at www.carnegiehouse.co.uk or at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street Bridgend from 10am to 4pm each Saturday apart from the first Saturday, which will be 12 noon to 4pm). Proceeds to local charities by Bridgend Lions Club.

### Trager System and Tai Chi

**THE Inner Peace and Fitness Pilates Studio is hosting a free talk and demonstration of tai chi and the Trager system.**

The Trager method is a gentle process inducing deep relaxation and is effective for pain management and those suffering PTSD. The talk will take place at Inner Peace Pilates Studio, Chapel Mews, Chapel Lane, Bridgend on Saturday, November 23 at 12pm. For more details contact Lynn Gordon on 07944 139286 or email: lynngordon88@gmail.com.

### Penarth and District Ramblers

**ON November 23, the planned walk at Bedwas is cancelled, but instead there is a railway ramble to Merthyr Tydfil for the 11-mile easy walk along the historic Trevithick Trail back to Abercynon for the train ride home.**

Trains leave Barry at 9am, Cogan at 9.15am, Cardiff Central at 9.26am to arrive 10.33am at Merthyr; contact Sheila on 07932 523 415 for further information.

### History Society exhibition

**RHOOSE and District History Society will hold an exhibition of hundreds of photographs from Rhoose and surrounding villages on Saturday, November 23 at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.**

Doors will open at 10.30am until 4pm, entry £1 to include some refreshments.

### Craft sale

**FRIENDS of Penarth Library will hold a craft sale at the library in Stanwell Road on Saturday, November 23, 10am-1pm; all welcome.**

### Councillors' surgery

**CLLRS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge ward members on the Vale Council, hold a surgery on Saturday, November 23, 11am-12.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall (west door); appointments not necessary.**

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THE XCeed I had on test was powered by a 998cc 3 cylinder petrol engine that develops 118bhp and 172 Nm of torque, which I have to say feels lively and is more than happy to blast down the motorway or rumble around on the urban towns.

Actually, the XCeed exceeded all my expectations when it came to helping me save fuel and make my normal boring school run just that little bit easier. The XCeed also achieved 50 mpg on the combined cycle which was quite impressive.

Maximum speed also comes in at around115mph, followed by a 0-62 time of 10.9s.

**On the road:**

I EXPECTED it to be good, and I wasn't disappointed.

The ride height is just about right, as is the suspension setup. Kia always seems to get it just about right most of the time and, I felt the ride quality in the XCeed was everything I wanted it to be.

Now, for some, they might consider the ride to be a little on the 'firm' side – but to me, it felt sturdy and poised. No dramas to talk about, just a fantastic amount of grip in and out of every corner.

Plus if you go in a little heavy, you can be assured the XCeed will keep you firmly planted to the tarmac ahead.

**Design and Technology**

ON the inside, the interior is very good, and all the dials are easy to read.

Plus all the vehicle controls are well set out.

The seats are comfy and there was a nice finish to the interior. It's not perfect in some areas, but show me a car that gets everything right, and I will quit writing altogether. I actually don't care if the plastic is a little rough to the touch – because for me it's about the package as a whole and what the XCeed can offer the modern driver.

Plus, you do get some pretty decent equipment such as; cruise control with speed limiter, air conditioning, alarm system, electric windows all-round, keyless entry, automatic headlight control, LED bi-function projection headlights, LED daytime running lights, DAB radio, Bluetooth and an 8" audio display touchscreen system offering Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

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**To sum up:**

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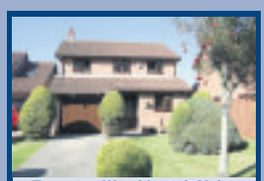

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## Family Notices

# DAUNCEY
## Margaret Mary (Topsy)

**Peacefully on 12th November, Topsy of Cowbridge; beloved wife of the late Ken, loving mother of the late Pamela and dear mother-in-law of Paul.**
***Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.***
Funeral Wednesday, 27th November, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon, where friends please meet.
Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN.
Tel: 01443 223368.

# VERLING
## Ellen (*née* Power)

**On 6th November 2019, aged 83 years, devoted wife to the late John Patrick. Mother to Catherine Ann, Francis John and Mary Christina. Loving nanny to Siobhan, Benedict and Gabrielle.**
***Ellen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.***
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the Requiem Mass at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 26th November at 10.30am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.
Family flowers only.

# BISS
## Mary Isabelle (*née* Hobbs)

**Peacefully passed away on her mother's birthday, 14th November at Orchard House Residential Home, Colcot Road, Barry. Dear wife to the late Eddie, sister to the late Jean and Graham, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt.**
***She will be missed by all.***
Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, in the care of Lyndsay Ellis until the funeral service on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am.
Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research in memory of her husband Eddie.

## Family Notices

# DYKE
## Gary (Charlie)

**Peacefully passed away at Holme Towers on 5th November, aged 61 years. Gary a much loved brother to Kevin and Linda, uncle to Christopher, Justin, Joanne, Melanie and brother-in-law to David and Elaine.**
***A special thank you to Lisa and Kathy for all the help and support you gave to Gary.***
***Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.***
Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on Friday, 22nd November at 12 noon at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.
For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

# JONES
## Viola (Lola)

**Peacefully on 10th November at Barry Community Hospital, Lola, devoted wife to the late George, much loved mum of Pat, Ron and the late David. A cherished gran and great-gran to all her grandchildren.**
***Lola will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***
Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 2nd December at 3pm.
Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.
Family request that colourful attire be worn, maybe with a hint of Lilac.
For further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

# BROWN
## Jean Maud (*née* Price)

**Peacefully at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on Wednesday, 13th November 2019, surrounded by her family. Jean of Heol Ganol, Sarn. Devoted wife of the late Gordon. Much loved mum of Christopher. Loved and respected mother-in-law of Susan. Loving and proud nanny of Joanna and Gemma and great-nan of Morgan and Lucy. A dear sister sadly missed.**
Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 29th November 2019 at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request, but donations in lieu will be gratefully received for The Salvation Army and may be sent direct to The Salvation Army, 63B Coity Road, Bridgend, CF311LT.
All enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch, Bridgend, CF31 3AP.
Tel: 01656 653156

# CAWLEY
## Janet Elizabeth

**31st March 1949 to 11th November 2019**

**Friends and family are invited to attend Jan's funeral service on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019 at 1pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Barry. The service will be a celebration of Jan's life; informal dress preferred.**
Family flowers only, donations, if desired to Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD Charity).You can donate directly from your bank to their bank account at CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank Ltd. Sort code: 40-52-40. Acct: 00017357.
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# WILLIAMS
## Keith Ivor

**Peacefully on 8th November at the University Hospital of Wales, Keith, beloved husband to the late Violet (Vi). Loving dad of Cheryl, Julie and Steven. Cherished father-in-law of Michael, Junior and Jan. An adored grandad to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**
***Keith will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.***
Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 25th November at 2pm.
Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support The British Lung Foundation in memory of Keith.
Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

## Family Notices

# DOWELL
## Freddie

**Peacefully at Baltimore House Nursing Home, Barry, Freddie, beloved husband of the late Christine.**

***He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.***

Resting at Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel on Thursday, 28th November at 1.30pm, followed by interment.

No Flowers by request.

# WILLIAMS
## Brian Edward

**(ex Coal Trimmer)**

**Beloved husband of Dorothy (Dolly). Devoted father of the late Duane, Brian and Hayley and their partners Alyson and Tony. Adored grandfather and great-grandfather.**

**Much loved by all of the family.**

***God bless xxx***

# WELLS
## Maureen Olive (*née* Thomas)

**Passed away suddenly on 6th November 2019, aged 77 years. Devoted wife to Mike, loving mother to Dawn and the late Debbie, mother-in-law to Huw, cherished grandmother and great-grandmother.**

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our chapel on Thursday, 28th November at 10am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent directly to the Funeral Home.

# BONIFACE
## Michael John

**Died suddenly at home on Wednesday, 6th November, aged 64 years. Sadly missed so much by his wife Alison who he adored and his children Mishelle, Matthew and Leigh, who he was so proud of. Also, his awesome grandchildren Jaxon, Isabella, Bear, Alice, Bree, Troy and Rain, who he loved being with. He will also be missed by Alice, his 94 year old mother-in-law, who he cared for. Also, family and friends too many to mention.**

Funeral service at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 29th November at 11am, followed by a celebration of his life at Porthkerry Lodge. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made to the Cardiff Samaritans.

# OSBORNE
## Sidney Gerald (Sid)

**The family wish to announce the sad passing of Sid, well known of Llantwit Major on 15th November. A beloved husband to the late Betty, loving dad of Simon and Jeremy. A special father-in-law of Julie and Heather, adored grandad of Sam, Matthew, Jacob, Grace and Megan.**

***Sid will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Home, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of Sid's life at Cardiff & Glamaorgan Crematorium on Monday, 2nd December at 10am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service in aid of The Alzheimer's Society in memory of Sid.

# MILES
## Edmund Hywel

**(Auctioneer & Chartered Surveyor)**

**Died peacefully at The Manor House, St Hilary on 5th November 2019, aged 81 years, after many years of suffering with lewy body dementia. Treasured husband of Anne, a Dad Annwyl Eleri. Beloved brother and uncle. Special thanks to our second family at The Manor House for their care, love and support since March 2016.**

Burial at the Cardiff & Vale Natural Meadow at Coedarhydyglyn, St Nicholas at 1pm on Monday, 25th November.

We would very much appreciate all present to join the family at The Vale Hotel for refreshments and shared memories of Edmund.

We would welcome donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired to either Dementia or Parkinson Charities.

Resting in the care of W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

# JENKINS
## Colin David Owen

**On 15th November 2019**

**Loved by Iso, Jenny, Joel, Robin, Jonas, Bia, Gabriel, Little Joel, Hal, Rosa and Raph.**

His Funeral will be held at Atlantic College at 1.30pm on Saturday, 30th November, 2019, followed by burial at St Donat's Church.

All are welcome. Please no flowers.

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# PINCHBECK
## Christopher

**Sadly on 30th October 2019, Chris passed away, aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Diana, devoted father of Nikki and Andrew. Dear father-in-law of Richard and Rachel, much loved bampi of Connor, Luke, Charlie and Bethan and fondly missed by Billy the black lab.**

Funeral Friday, 22nd November, service and committal at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Alzheimer's Society c/o W.H Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

# WILLIAMS
## Esther

**Peacefully on 13th November at Island View Care Home, aged 87 years.**

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A Service to celebrate Esther's life will take place on Friday, 6th December at 12 noon at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors or donations may be made in memory of Esther at the service to Alzheimer's UK.

For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

# GREGORY
## Rita

**Sadly passed away peacefully on Friday, 8th November 2019.**

***Rita will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.***

Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe on Friday, 6th December at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice either at the service or c/o the funeral director @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry

# JAMES
## Ann Hilton (*née* Sweet)

**Peacefully at home with her family on 15th November 2019, aged 88 years. Cherished wife of Graham, mother to Ian and the late Michael. Grandmother to Madelaine, Hazel, Michelle, Jemma, Hope and Ferdinand. Great-grandmother to Bethan, Oliver, Ryan, Natasha, Harrison and Caitlin.**

**Ann taught in many Barry schools throughout her career and was headmistress of Gladstone Primary School. She was a long-serving member and previous president of Soroptimist International.**

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 2nd December at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Children In Need at the service.

## Acknowledgements

# PETER
## Steve
### (Lovely Boy)

**Margaret and family wish to thank family, friends and relatives for attending Steve's funeral on 24th October, and for the kind messages, cards and generation donations to Marie Curie.**

## Birthday Memories

### Birthday Memories
# HARRISON
## Betty

**23rd November**

**Birthday memories of a dear mum and grandmother this, your 100th Birthday.**

Thinking of you today and everyday.

Love always Margaret, Selby and family *xxx*

### Birthday Memories
# LAWRENCE
## Evelyn (*née* Connors)

**25th November**

**No special cards today Evelyn, on your 60th Birthday.**

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All our love forever, Mam, Shirley, Andrew, nieces, nephews & cousins *xxx*

### Birthday Memories
# WORSWICK
## Natalie Anne

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***We think about you always,***
***We talk about you too,***
***We have so many happy memories,***
***But we wish we still had you.***

All our love Nats,
Mum, Dad & families *xxx*

## Thank You

# Thank You

## Derrick & Margaret

Would like to thank everyone who helped Derrick when he fell on Friday, 15th November outside Lloyds Bank, Llantwit Major, the staff who were particularly helpful and everybody else who stayed with him..

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Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.
Representations received after this date will not be considered.
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.
Signed: **Congjun Han**
Date: **14/11/2019**

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern:
I/We, **A&J Gin Bars Ltd,** do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the variation of a premises licence at **8 Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth, CF64 3ED** known as **Gin 64.** The application is to vary the licence on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday to open at 12:00 and close at 00:30.**
Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.
Representations received after this date will not be considered.
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.
Signed: **AJ Boucher**
Date: **11/11/2019**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern:
I, **Vivienne Cafaro,** do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the variation of a premises licence at **82 High Street, Barry, CF62 7DX** known as **Paletta Pizzeria.** The application is to vary the licenced hours, to be **Monday to Sunday, open 10:00 to 23:00.**
Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.
Representations received after this date will not be considered.
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.
Signed: **Vivienne Cafaro**
Date: **13/11/2019**

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# Brynhill ladies' presentation

*Diack Winner Lisa Taylor and Ladies Captain Jo Kirkpatrick.*

*Lady Golfer of the Year winner Linda Hewlett and Jo Kirkpatrick*

**A PRESENTATION evening took place on November 9 for the lady golfers of Brynhill.**

The presentation cups were polished and sparkling, ready to be filled with a concoction of drinks by the winners!

The club vice captain Alan Sweeny and the ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick introduced the evening by observing a minute's silence in memory of all those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The Ladies' captain presented the prizes to all winners and runners-up.

The Ladies' Championship was won by Claire Downton, runner-up Sam Pascoe; the Diack Trophy to Lisa Taylor, runner-up Helena Coombes; Crystal Cup Trophy: Suzanne Bounds, runner-up Hilary West; Lady Golfer of the Year: Linda Hewlett; Jenny Williams Award: Chris Hopkins, and the Past Captain's Memorial Winner was Carole Allen.

Barry and District News Cup: Lisa Taylor; Lady Reardon Smith Silver Salver: Andrea Page and Lisa Taylor, runners-up Chris Hopkins and Helena Coombes.

Rose Bowl Par: Ann Phillips, runner-up Jane Phillips; Rabbits & Tigers: Olwen Thomas and Jo Hopkins, runners-up Linda Hewlett and Diane Tapscott; Bob Hope Rose Bowl: silver Claire Downton, bronze Lisa Taylor. John Collins Cup: Andrea Page, Glynis Gould runner-up. Parkstone Cup: Robbie Lee, runner-up Jen Pugh.

Junior Gold Cup was won by Sam Pascoe and Carole Allen, runners-up Linda Lloyd and Liz Taylor; Dr Owen Cup: Jane Phillips, runner-up Suzanne Bounds; Peggy Lane Cup: Linda Hewlett, runner-up Sam Pascoe; Winifred Clode Cup: Sam Pascoe, runner-up Linda Hewlett; Gloucester Bowl: Lily Mae O' Carroll, runner-up Linda Lloyd; Jo Whitehouse Cup: Sam Pascoe, runner-up Jane Phillips.

Holland & Tattersall Trophy: Linda Hewlett; Vets Silver Salver: Linda Lloyd, runner-up Robbie Lee; Grans Trophy: Jane Phillips, runner-up Sue Holland; Waterford Crystal Vases: silver Jan Robertson, bronze Chris Hopkins.

Millenium Plate: Robbie Lee, runner-up Liz Brown; Four Ball Better Ball: Jan Robertson and Robbie Lee, runners-up Linda Hewlett and Sue Holland; John Lowden Cup: winner Jane Phillips, runner-up Glynis Gould.

Foursomes Knockout: Linda Hewlett and Robbie Lee, runners-up Julie Harkin and Maria Gentile; Superbowl: Robbie Lee, runner-up Lisa Taylor; Superbowl Plate: Jen Pugh; Barbara White Scroll: Andrea Page; Graham Cup: Linda Hewlett; Consolation Trophy: Liz Taylor, runner-up Hilary West.

**JMK**

# Bridgend Athletic age groups rugby news

**ALL 11 Athletic age groups were in action on a cold, but dry, November 17.**

Under-7: On a crisp Sunday morning, the Ath '7s travelled to Llantwit Fardre. A new experience for the boys playing on a 4G pitch, with no mud and puddles the boys could show their passing and handling skills. Some great handling and tries scored by the boys who enjoyed playing with smiles on their faces, despite their cold hands!

Under-7: On October 17, Kenfig Hill under-7s hosted a Bridgend Athletic team. A game of four 10-minute quarters was played, after both teams warmed up on what was a cold November morning. It was pleasing to see both sides playing some open rugby running into lots of space resulting in a lot of great tries scored by several individuals on both sides. Thank you to Kenfig Hill who organised a brilliant morning of rugby and to the parents and coaching staff of Bridgend Athletic under-7s for their continued support. Finally, well done to the players who have bags of enthusiasm and once again have made improvements in several areas.

Under-8: Bridgend Athletic under-8s had two fixtures on November 17. The Greens were away against Kenfig Hill and the Golds were home against Porthcawl. In true tag spirit no scores were kept. Both teams showing great improvement and work ethic. Next up is a trip to Baglan.

Under-9s: November 17 saw Bridgend Athletic under-9s on the road. The Greens took the short trip West to Kenfig Hill to find themselves up against a physically imposing opposition side. The Ath were not at all phased by the larger Kenfig team and instead put into practice the defence play worked on in training, pulling off tackle after tackle. Thanks to a huge defensive effort, the visitors held their own and at the break were still in the game with a narrow 4 tries to 2 deficit.

After the break the visitors got the upper hand, running in four second half tries to their opponents two.

Although their passing game wasn't quite up to scratch on the day, the visitors were able to grind out a well-deserved 6-6 draw by virtue of their impressive defensive performance.

The Yellows were away to Barry RFC and took on three teams fielded by the hosts.

The powerful home sides brought a physicality not yet experienced by the Ath this season. The visitors, however, took it in their stride and proved more than a match for their opponents' big ball carriers.

Despite having to be more organised in defence and stronger in the tackle, the Ath still managed to play their exciting brand of free-flowing rugby. Their passing and offloading game is becoming a feature of their play that not only is exciting to watch, but also challenging for their opponents to defend against.

Now playing regularly together, the Yellows have gelled nicely, displaying great teamwork and cohesion in their performances.

The three matches played resulted in one comfortable 9-1 victory and two narrow 4-5 defeats. Being on the wrong end of a number of tight decisions proved the only difference between the Ath and the home sides on the day.

Under-10: Bridgend Athletic RFC under-10s were away at Kenfig Hill. The Ath players need to start their games with more urgency, too often they are taking too long getting into games. Kenfig Hill looked up for it from the start but despite the Ath's slow start, they soon took control and outscored Kenfig Hill 8 tries to 2, winning 40-10.

Try scorers were Ethan Davies 3, Dylan Jones 2, Efan Duncan 2 and Dylan Hopkins.

Under-11: The Ath's under-11s travelled to Kenfig Hill this week for what proved to be a tough game throughout. Both teams played some eye catching rugby, but the Ath saw themselves four tries to two up early in the second half with a try from Jackson and a hat trick of tries from Oliver Williams.

Kenfig Hill came back strong and in fairness didn't drop their heads with a couple of tries from their forwards bringing it back to four apiece.

The Ath fought on but a couple of poor decisions allowed the Kenfig Hill backs to take advantage and score a further two tries making the final result Kenfig Hill 6, Ath 4; a bitter pill to swallow, but some valuable lessons learnt.

Under-12: The under-12s welcomed Tondu to Newbridge fields on a bright dry morning. The game started at the usual Ath frantic pace, with the boys putting pressure on Tondu from the off. It wasn't long before the first try was scored and from that point on the boys continued to dominate all aspects of the game. The second half saw Tondu apply some pressure on the Ath, but the boys found another gear and dominated the contact area. Final score: Ath 44 - Tondu 0. We welcome the return fixture next week in the Ospreys cup.

Under-13: The Ath welcomed local rivals Tondu to Newbridge Fields for the late Sunday kick off.

An under-strength home team fielded a side missing several key players due to injury with several walking wounded being patched up pitch side.

Tondu started at breakneck speed and raced into a 19-0 lead after just ten minutes with three tries from their right winger. The Ath pulled a score back when winger Lewis Stephens outpaced his opposite number to touch down in the corner.

Despite the home team's best efforts, the injuries were taking their toll with players falling off tackles. Tondu scored a further two tries before half time to take the score to 5-31 at the break.

The second half started well for the Ath with three tries in 8 minutes. Winger Will Jones scoring straight from kick off, Lewis Stephens with his second of the match and a further try from Will Jones just minutes later to take the score to 22-31.

That was as good as it got for the Ath as fatigue set in. What has been a great contest up to this point quickly turned around as Tondu killed the game off with three more tries in the final quarter.

Great credit to the Ath boys who gave everything against a very strong Tondu team, especially those who played on in pain.

Final score: The Ath 22, Tondu 48.

Under-14: The Ath under-14s welcomed unbeaten Tondu to the A48 pitch on Sunday. Tondu brought a strong looking team, with the Ath hampered by a few missing key players.

Tondu started off the stronger and raced into a 10-0 lead, but from then on, the Ath put in a spirited performance putting Tondu under real pressure with their defence and skill at the ruck.

The Ath created several scoring opportunities, while having the upper hand in territory but were unable to take them. Just before half time, a significant arm injury was sustained by Harvey Tooze, the Ath scrum half and we all wish him well with his recovery.

This injury meant a few more positional changes to the Ath team heading into the second half but it didn't stop the Ath starting that half on top. For the first 10 minutes it looked like it would be the Ath who would score first, but again we weren't clinical enough.

Once Tondu ran nearly the length of the pitch to create quick ball to score their third try, it was game over for the Ath and Tondu then ran in a further three tries in quick succession.

The under-14s didn't let their heads drop and were unlucky to come away without scoring. However, they were outdone on the day by a clinical Tondu team who took every opportunity that came their way.

Under-15: Bridgend Athletic 15s played Maesteg Celtic in the Ospreys cup. A tough game today against one of the strongest teams in the competition. The Ath boys may have lost 42-10 but probably put in their best performance of the season. If they carry this on, results will turn themselves around.

Under-16: The under-16s travelled up to CRICC looking to keep their momentum going but with CRICC only having 11 players available the Ath lent them four players to be able to play 15 a side.

The Ath started strongly with the forwards dominating all areas of play but especially smashing holes in the CRICC defence before releasing the backs to run in some simple tries. However, with some great passing rugby on display from the Ath the score built up. Try scorers Will Laverick (3), Charlie Ashpole (2), James Puaca (2), Olly Williams (2), Tom Clarke (1). Conversions Ollie Donaghue (2) and Gus Patterson (1). Final score CRICC 10, Bridgend Athletic 56. Well done to the eight boys who volunteered to play for the opposition showing great sportsmanship.

**AB**

# Bruised Barry looking for wins as string of home matches loom

*Drew Fahiya and his Barry team are back home this Friday evening*

**AFTER a bruised Barry Town were hit with a third successive defeat on Saturday, the Jenner Park side will look to breathe new life into their season with a string of home matches, kicking off on Friday (November 22).**

Neighbours Penybont will provide the opposition in front of the S4C cameras, with Rhys Griffiths' men looking to take their biggest scalp of the season after winning four points from their last two games.

Ironically, some might see the visitors as more of an in-form prospect than the hosts, though Barry supporters will be encouraged by an improvement in performance at Cefn Druids last Saturday.

Indeed, Town created plenty of chances, with Chris Hugh hitting one post after a sublime through ball from Jordan Cotterill and Kayne McLaggon striking the other later in the match.

Despite Druids having Ryan Kershaw dismissed for a rash tackle on Mo Touray, neither Hugh nor Keyon Reffell could punish the Ancients. Charley Edge's third-minute opener proved to be the winner, a scruffy goal yet an invaluable one for the Druids as they climbed into the Cymru Premier's all-important sixth spot.

With Connah's Quay Nomads, The New Saints and Bala Town all recording wins the previous night, Barry's loss sees them drop down to fourth position – six points off the top, with a game in hand on both Andy Morrison's Nomads and Colin Caton's Lakesiders.

With none of the top three in action this weekend, Barry could be back in second place outright by Saturday – if they win.

For Penybont though, a win will be enough to lift the Bridgend boys up and out of the relegation places, clear of Airbus and Carmarthen. With a host of former Barry players in the Penybont squad, the ingredients are there for an interesting match this Friday, with kick-off at 8pm and admission on the gate. Town then play back-to-back matches with Newtown at Jenner Park, before the cameras return to Barry on Friday, December 13 for a marquee melee with champions TNS.

**Report by Ashley Cox**

# Labuschagne signs two-year deal with Glamorgan

**GLAMORGAN Cricket are delighted to announce the signing of star all-rounder Marnus Labuschagne as our overseas player for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.**

Labuschagne signed as the Welsh county's overseas player for the first-half of the 2019 season and became the first player in domestic cricket to reach 1,000 County Championship runs.

The 25-year-old racked up 1,114 runs in the County Championship in just 18 innings at an average above 65, and took 19 wickets with his leg-spin.

He struck five centuries during the campaign, including a career-best 182 against Sussex and recorded twin centuries against Worcestershire, becoming the first Glamorgan player since 2005 to do so.

His form for Glamorgan and widely regarded talent earned him a call-up to the Australian Ashes squad and he made history at Lord's by becoming the first ever concussion substitute in Test match cricket.

He reeled off four successive half-centuries in the series and finished as one of the standout players on both sides.

Despite only completing seven innings, he was Australia's second highest run scorer with 353 runs at an average above 50.

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, said: "To have Marnus sign for two years is great news for everyone associated with the club. He showed during the county season and Ashes what a fantastic player he is, and will significantly strengthen our batting and bowling departments across all three formats."

# Latest results from the Barry and District Clubs

**THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs are:**

**Crib Division 1**: Wyndham Cons 8, Rhoose Social 7; West End 8, Moors Boys 7; Romilly Railway 7, Liberals 8.

League: Romilly Railway 75, West End 70, Liberals 65, Rhoose Social 63, Wyndham Cons 61, Moors Boys 59, Cadoxton Cons 57.

**Skittles Division 1**: Slammers 6, Barry Town FC 1; Liberals A 3, Barries Boys 4; Rhoose Social B 2, Sea View Exiles 5;

Allsorts 7, Rhoosters 0; West End D 2, King William XII 5; Rhoose Social A 0, Rugby Club 7; Cambrian Flyers 2, Rhoose Social C 5; West End C 5, Liberals C 2.

League: Sea View Exiles 51.0, West End D 46.5, King William XII 40.0, Rugby Club 38.5, Rhoose Social A 38.0,

Rhoose Social C 36.5, Allsorts 32.0, Barry Town FC 32.0, West End C 29.5, Liberals C 29.0, Slammers 28.0, Barries Boys 25.5, Rhoose Social B 24.5, Rhoosters 24.5, Cambrian Flyers 21.0, Liberals A 14.5.

**Snooker Division 1**: West End C 5, Cadoxton Cons B 0; Harbour B 4, Penarth Cons A 1; Penarth Cons B 2, Rhoose Social C 3.

League: West End C 32, Harbour B 29, Savoy B 28, Penarth Cons A 25, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Cadoxton Cons B 21, Wyndham Cons A 20, Rhoose Social C 16, Rhoose Social B 14, Penarth Cons B 13, *Liberators 4.

**Snooker Division 2**: Market Street A 2, Services Social B 3; Savoy C 1, Market Street C 4; Sully Sports A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Market Street B 2, Harbour A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, West End A 1.

League: Market Street C 30, Savoy C 29, Harbour A 27, Market Street A 26, Services Social B 26, Wyndham Cons D

23, West End A 22, Cadoxton Cons A 21, Market Street B 18,

West End B 18, Sully Sports A 15. * = Points deducted.

View all results and league tables at *www.barryleagues.co.uk*.

**JW**

# Forward power shades the game as Tondu narrowly lose out to Waunarlwydd.

***Sam Grabham heads for the line but is tackled. Photograph by Gareth Anthony.***

**TONDU RFC visited Waunarlwydd, a game which is always a close encounter: it was as close as it can get, with Tondu losing out by 21–22.**

In the end, the key factor was the dominance up front of the home side, who took the lead on eight minutes when full back Nathan Beck crashed over wide out.

Tondu finally got a foot-hold in the game when flanker Jon Penpraze went over from a lineout, and Luke Whitall slotted the conversion to give his side the lead at the break. The second half couldn't have started any worse for the visitors. A line out and a powerful rolling maul saw hooker Andrew Lloyd crash over. A failed conversion left the score at 10-7 to the Swansea Valley side.

Minutes later though, Tondu were back in front, when they were awarded a penalty try after Waunarlwydd were guilty of taking down a rolling maul.

Back up the other end it went, and more powerful work from the Waunarlwydd forwards saw Phil Evans scoring the home side's third try.

Tondu just didn't have an answer to the opposition's marauding forwards, and when Joel Mutuscke went over for the bonus point try, things looked done and dusted.

But to Tondu's credit they kept plugging away, and scored what was probably the game's best try through centre Sam Grabham towards the end, the conversion added by Gareth Lindenburn.

Just a point in it, but time ran out, so it was another narrow defeat for the Waterwheelers and more evidence that they need to strengthen things up front.

Next Saturday, Tondu host Kenfig Hill at Pandy Park, kick off 2.30pm.

**Mike Sully**

# A mixed few weeks for Sully Indoor Bowling Club team members

**SULLY Indoor Bowling Club has had a mixed few weeks, with varied success on the green to success within the club itself.**

The championship side has played three games, winning just one of these at home to Taff Ely (Pontypridd) 151 - 90; 22 points gained, but they lost away at Radnor and Rhondda, with just three points for their efforts. Consistency and availability are a problem at the moment: once this is resolved the team will show an improvement.

This season the Sully Club has introduced a second O'60 team to join the Sully O'60 team in the league named the 'Vale'. Both teams got off to a flying start with the Sully team winning at Earlswood, taking 12 of the 14 points on offer. The 'Vale' side was formed to encourage other good bowlers in the club to play at a higher level and gain experience of playing at other clubs, where the greens vary significantly.

Playing their first ever game the Vale selectors weren't expecting much as the first game was against unbeaten Blaenau Gwent at home; but with some experienced and good upcoming players forming the first selection the result was a brilliant and unexpected five shot win for the Vale, gaining 10 points to the visitors' four. All rinks played well, with that of John Best/Don Shirley/Roy Richards and skip Nick Chandler eventually going down by just four shots 15-19. The rink skipped by Graham Carlisle supported by John King/Terry Collins and Chas Burton got off to a flying start leading 7-1 after the fifth end, but lost eight ends on the run to go 11 shots down 9-20; they fought back well to lose 17 -24.

The rink of Tony Frowd/Bob Knight/Brian Crockford/Bob Matthews appeared up against it from the off and were 10 behind by the 10th end, but the winning mentality of skip Tony Frowd kicked in and with his encouragement his rink won 17-16 on the final end for a fantastic win.

The highlight, though was the rink of Fred Phillips with superb support from his players Alun Rees/John Kirk/Paul Gray beating the visitors' top rink with ease 25-10. Rees led well, ably backed up by Kirk and with Gray and Phillips drawing some excellent shots the home rink was always in control. If all players continue to support the club the future is looking positive: well done to all the Vale players.

As for the Sully Club itself, the introduction of Fish & Chip Friday proved a resounding success and will continue, with an alternative offer available. Bookings are now being taken for this week, forms available at the club or on 02920 530999 – all are welcome. The Bingo on Thursday afternoon continues to grow, but visitors will be more than welcome. Session starts at 2.30pm finishing at about 4.15pm.

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# Busy summer on the beach for Vale Surf Life Saving Club

**VALE Surf Lifesaving Club Youth, Senior and Masters sections completed their second season of beach competition with superb performances all round both at Welsh and GB level.**

The Welsh Ocean Championships in July saw Vale SLSC finish in sixth place across the combined age groups with the Open team particularly excelling to finish second place in their category.

Gold medals were won by under-17 Board – Reuben Hopkin; under-15 Ski - Ben Ewington; under-17 Ski - Brooke Peterson; under-15 Oceanman - Ben Ewington; under-17 Sprints - Reuben Hopkin; Open Girls' Beach Relay, Open Girls' Board Relay, under-17 Girls' Double Ski.

Silver medals: under-17 Sprints - Brooke Peterson; under-17 Flags - Brooke Peterson; Men's 50 plus Ski - Simon Parker; Open Boys' Beach Relay, Open Girls' Rescue Tube, Open Girls Ski Relay, under-17 Girls' Double Ski. Bronze medals - Open Beach Sprint - Reuben Hopkin, under-15 Board Race - Ben Ewington, under-17 Ski - Tesni Gardiner (almost a clean sweep with Emily Parker in fourth place and Abi Baker fifth); under-17 Ski - Reuben Hopkin, under-17 Oceanman - Reuben Hopkin, under-17 Long Run - Brooke Peterson, Men's 50 plus Oceanman - Simon Parker, under-17 Girls Board Rescue, under-17 Girls Tube Rescue, Open Girls Double Ski (also fourth and sixth), Men's 40 plus Double Ski - Darren Baker and Simon Parker.

August saw a strong turnout from Vale SLSC at the GB Youth Ocean Championships in Branksome Chine, Dorset with the Youth team finishing a fantastic seventh place out of 26 clubs and second placed Welsh Club. As well as an impressive selection of medals, many of the team points came from superb performances from each and every member of the Youth squad.

Gold medals - under-17 Girl Double Ski, under-19 Mixed Beach Relay. Silver medals - under-17 Ski - Brooke Peterson, under-15 Race - Ben Ewington. Under-19 Beach Sprint - Sean Mckenna, under-19 Girl Ski Relay, under-17 Girl Ski Relay; Bronze Medals - under-17 Boy Ski Relay.

Just outside the medal positions were the following: U19 Beach Flags - fifth Ellie Peterson, Declan Ewington, sixth James Hamer; U19 Beach Sprint - fourth James Hamer, U17 Beach Sprint - fourth Brooke Peterson; U17 Beach Sprint - fifth Reuben Hopkin, U15 Beach Sprint - sixth Alice Connolly; U17 Ski - Tesni fifth/Reuben fifth; U19 Girls Double Ski - fifth, U19 Boys Double Ski - seventh, U17 Boys Double Ski - fourth; U19 Girls Tube Rescue - sixth, Under 19 Boys Tube Rescue - fourth; U17 Boys Tube Rescue - fourth, U17 Girls' Tube Rescue - seventh; U17 Boys' Board Rescue - sixth; U17 Mixed Beach Relay - fourth; U19 Girls' Taplin - fourth, Under 19 Boys' Taplin - fourth, U17 Girls' Taplin - fifth; U19 Girls' Surf Team - seventh, U19 Boys' Surf Team fourth; U19 Boys' Ski Relay - fourth; U19 Girls' Board Relay - fourth, U19 Boys Board Relay fifth, U17 Girls' Board Relay - fourth.

In September, Vale SLSC Senior team competed in the GB Senior Championships at St David's, finishing in a fantastic fourth place overall. As well as the following medals, there were many fourth, fifth and sixth places achieved gaining valuable points for the club: Silver – Beach Sprints - Dafydd Nicholls, Female Ski Relay, Female Beach Sprint Relay, Female Board Relay; Bronze: Ski - Kelsea Peterson, Beach Flags - Ellie Peterson, Female Double Ski.

A huge well done to the small contingent of Vale SLSC Nippers who attended the GB Nipper Championships at Branksome Chine. The club was very proud to be represented by Harry Nicholas, Oliver Nolan, Katie Luen-Twinning and Bethan Spry, all of whom competed brilliantly. For such a small team, it was fantastic to finish in 26th place out of the 30 clubs competing. Harry just missed out on a medal finishing in fifth place in the 8 year Boys' Board race. Thanks also for the top support from Evie Nicholas and Joanie Nolan. Well done all, you were amazing!

With winter training now well under way, the following members of the club have been selected for Welsh squad training over the winter season: Kelsea Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Brooke Peterson, Tesni Gardiner, Reuben Hopkin and Ben Ewington.

# Glamorgan farmers head west to Swansea Valley

*Tom McCarthy, Alex Roe, Hugh Williams, sponsor Brian Larkin, Rob Price and society captain Clive Thomas.*

**THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at the Mond Golf Club in the Swansea valley where 28 participants were keen to win one of the many excellent prizes supplied by the day's generous sponsor Mr Brian Lakin of Sigma3 Kitchens and Bathrooms.**

Despite the very wet weather leading up to the event, several returned quite impressive stableford scores considering the underfoot playing conditions.

Leading the field at the end of the competition were Hugh Williams and Rob Price who both scored 33 points. Unfortunately for Rob, better known as the Cowbridge RFC flag bearer, failing to score on the short par-4 17th proved crucial, resulting in an inferior back nine to the eventual winner Hugh Williams.

Ray Thomas with 29 points finished in third place, followed by Julian Golunski with 28.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were David Davies (twice), sponsor Brian Lakin and 16-year-old Alex Roe. Alex also won the guest prize when finishing with 30 points, just seeing off the challenge of his playing partner and friend, 15-year-old Tom McCarthy who also returned 30 points.

Tom McCarthy at least had the satisfaction of returning home with the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored prize when hitting the longest drive down the 18th fairway.

Sponsor Brian Lakin returned home with a voucher from Pickeston Poultry when correctly guessing 39 balls would remain out on this picturesque parkland course that raised £75 for the Alzheimer's society.

Mention must be made of the very welcoming reception and support provided by the staff at this most hospitable of clubs and also the excellent catering facilities enjoyed by society members – all eager for a return visit when hopefully more favourable playing conditions will prevail.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 28 at Whitchurch (Cardiff) sponsored by m/s Herbert R Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

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# *On and off the Turf* with Brian Lee

**AT Cheltenham last Saturday, Debra Hamer's *ToBefair*, which carried the crippling top weight of 11 stone 12lbs, finished a brave third behind the lightly weighted *Golan Fortune* and *Eminent Poet* in the Big Buck's Handicap Hurdle.**

Adam's Cheltenham winner Adam Wedge, stable jockey to Evan Williams, is having a cracking season and at Cheltenham last Sunday riding Emma Lavelle's *Hung In There* he rode an excellent race to win the Sky Bet Supreme Trial Novices' Hurdle, scoring by three lengths from *Pacify* – a winner of its previous five races.

The 2019/20 point-to-point season opened last Sunday with the Dunsmore fixture at Silverton and two riders from the Vale who were successful were Evan David and Byron Moorcroft.

Evan won the conditions race on 10-1 chance *Marten*, and Byron took the open maiden on the oddly named *Iusetalloveheronce*, which went off the favourite. The mixed open race was won by Wales' Bradley Gibbs who, riding Don Bersey, beat the odds-on favourite *Bishop's Road*.

Two horses trained in the Vale area finished first and second in the two miles and four furlongs handicap hurdle race at Southwell last Friday.

Six-year-old *Oriental Cross*, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin and partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, went clear after jumping the last hurdle to win by seven lengths from *Ishyaboi*, trained by Ogmore -by-the Sea's Christian Williams and ridden by Nick Scholfield. *Oriental Cross* was returned at odds of 9-2.

## Adam's Exeter Double

**ADAM Wedge, stable jockey to Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed a double at Exeter on Wednesday (November 13).**

He won the novices' hurdle on Emma Lavelle's *Eclair Surf* and the Beginners' Chase on Evan Williams' *Esprit Du Large*.

The former, which was returned the even money favourite, won by three-and-a-half lengths from *Kozier* and the latter, a 9-4 chance which at five-years-old was the youngest horse in the race, scored by two-and-a-quarter lengths from Fergal O'Brien's *Coolanly*.

# St Mary's seniors are hardy souls

**A COUPLE of dry days with a brisk wind had dried out the fairways and greens sufficiently for 30 members of St Mary's Senior Section to squeeze in a Yellow Ball Stableford competition played over 16 holes – up from the recent norm of 12.**

The wind chill factor made for bitterly cold conditions and the later groups finished their rounds in a heavy downpour as the rain returned with a vengeance.

One of the 10 three-ball groupings sensibly decided to come off for an early bath, but 27 of the more hardy souls stuck it out to complete the course.

When the dust, or rather mud, settled, the victory was claimed by Andrew Lane, Gareth Thomas and Ray Stacey with a card of 65 points. Veteran campaigner Bob Coombes, Gareth Jones and section captain Dave Hughes were placed second, just one point back on 64.

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# News from Llantonian Bridge Club

**THE November scores from the Llantonian Bridge Club are:**

November 4: First, Allan Evans and Norma Barber; second, Diana Trickey and David Simpson; third, Ros Martin-Jones and Angela Hawkins.

November 11: First, Allan Evans and Hilary Bevington; second, Pam Treadwell and Joan Richards; third, Angela Hawkins and Ros Martin-Jones.

The club meets every Monday at 7pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major. New members and visitors welcome; call Alan Beckwith on 01446 775836 or email homestead34@btinternet.com for more information.

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# Treharris' iron curtain defence defies Cowbridge

**ON a dry Saturday afternoon and a remarkably firm pitch, Cowbridge took on top of the league Treharris at the Athletic Field.**

The visitors started like a runaway train. Big but mobile up front they were over the line in the first few minutes but the ref had spotted an infringement.

The pressure continued but great defence by the back row of James Holder,Ellis Read and James Bennett held out until 'Tre' crashed over from a lineout for a converted try. They were soon back on the attack, the pack proving a real handful, linking impressively with their backs. However,Cowbridge slowly got into the game with Bennett and Holder driving into the 22, and almost scoring from a lineout as captain Ross Gibbon tried to force his way over but was held up.

Cowbridge continued to press with wing Adam Dix and full back Zac Summerhayes combining well deep into the Tre 22. Then in a flash, the visitors were in the Cowbridge 22, their backs and forwards combining to great effect, only for Cowbridge to intercept. Bennett took the ball up to half-way and a penalty for a high tackle put the pressure back on Tre.

However, they claimed the lineout and again swept up the pitch, were awarded a penalty and from the ensuing lineout they drove for a second try, which went unconverted.

Cowbridge were awarded a penalty from the kick off and another powerful drive from the pack, with the impressive Craig Boxall and Holder taking the ball on. A try seemed inevitable but again the Treharris defence held as the half time whistle went.

**Half time: Cowbridge 0 Treharris 12.**

Cowbridge just needed to retain possession to pressurise Treharris and a great break by wing Rhydian Williams from the kick off took Cowbridge over the half-way and continued the Cowbridge pressure, with Boxall, Reed and the tireless Aaron Bowman battering the defence. The result was a yellow for Treharris and Summerhayes slotted the penalty.

Cowbridge were soon back in the 22 but again lost possession. Back on the attack, a lovely weighted kick by Alex Guard forced a knock on but Tre regained possession, only to kick straight into touch. Cowbridge stormed back upfield but the ball went astray. Chris Morris replaced Dave Breed at prop with Jamie Bennett on for Arron Bowman as Cowbridge continued to try and break down the visitors' defence.

Scrum half Hywel Williams and Guard combined to great effect as Cowbridge threatened yet again, and substitute Rian Thomas made a couple of lovely breaks.Cowbridge gave everything tosecure a bonus point and were tantalisingly close but it wasn't to be.

**Final score: Cowbridge 3 Treharris 12.**

After the first five minutes, Cowbridge must have been thinking it was going to be a long afternoon but the boys stuck at it and there were opportunities to even win, against a big mobile Treharris team. The front row of Craig Boxall, young Tom Evans and Dave Breed (sub Chris Morris) deserve special mention for their tireless performance throughout the game, but the whole team gave their everything.

We travel to Aberdare this Saturday, a day off the following Saturday (Wales v Barbarians) then two home games before Christmas, Abercwmboi on December 7, and Caerphilly on the 14th.

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# A great night for Wales as they make it to the Euros once again

**OVER the last five years, Gareth Jamieson was both The GEM's film critic and football correspondent.**

In the latter role, he chronicled the highs and lows of Welsh football and he was fortunate that this period included the high of qualifying for the Euros in France.

As a passionate Welsh fan, he was out there is France, and two years later, he reported on Wales as they missed out on the World Cup.

So, although Gareth has moved on to pastures new, and he is much missed here in The GEM, we invited him to report on Wales' massive night in the Cardiff City Stadium against Hungary on Tuesday.

**IF Euro 2016 had been the zenith of Welsh football, the hangover from that glorious summer in France has been one of dull ache rather than out-and-out agony.**

After all, Wales were denied a World Cup play-off spot at the hands (or foot) of James McLean, as the Republic of Ireland claimed the crucial victory in Cardiff nearly two years ago, Chris Coleman's team thinking 'what if' in a campaign that was hampered by injuries and too many draws in winnable fixtures.

Then, as Coleman left for pastures far more tumultuous (leaping from the relative comfort of the Wales hot seat to the car crash of the terminally-declining Sunderland) Wales found their new leader in the shape of Ryan Giggs.

Inexperience, and a less-than-stellar record of appearing for his country in friendlies, left many feeling underwhelmed that the successor to one of, if not the greatest, managers in Welsh history was the untested and, in some circles, unloved former player.

After making his managerial bow in the China Cup, Giggs started as he meant to go on, blooding a steady stream of youngsters and imposing his own tactical ideas that saw that loss to the Republic of Ireland avenged by a thrilling display of attacking football in a 4-1 win, only for the wheels to come off Wales' Nations League campaign with defeats away and home against Denmark, sandwiching an impressive 1-0 win in Dublin.

This was very much a dress rehearsal for the important job of qualifying for Euro 2020, and the good start of a win over Slovakia in the opening game, thanks to Daniel James, was undone by defeats in Croatia and Hungary, the latter a woeful performance summed up by Gareth Bale blasting over from 10 yards out before the Hungarians grabbed the only goal of the game.

If the 'Giggs out' brigade were sharpening their pitchforks, eight points from the following four games settled nerves and also set up a winner-takes-all clash with Hungary at the Cardiff City Stadium, the victor enjoying the satisfaction of booking their place in the tournament while the loser would likely head to the lottery of the play-offs.

Wales, historically, do not like these games – too many memories of failures of years gone by, the pressure of one game encapsulating a qualifying campaign was almost unbearable, but the class of 2019 didn't let the ghosts of yesteryear weigh too heavily, two goals from the mercurial Aaron Ramsey giving Wales a 2-0 win against an opposition who just failed to get going from the start.

It was a win, and a performance, that blew away any doubts that Wales deserved to yet again sit at the top table of European football, and one devoid of the uncertainty that had hampered the team after those early away defeats.

It was also a validation of Ryan Giggs' mettle - those early performances had underwhelmed, Giggs cutting a figure seemingly devoid of the heart on sleeve emotion that typified Chris Coleman's reign. However Giggs has taken a team that, only a few months ago, seemed destined to fall short and pushed them over the line, the performances against Azerbaijan last Saturday and against Hungary two of the most measured and composed of his time at the helm.

So as the celebrations slow done, next up is the European Championships themselves, and after the ecstasy of 2016, a summer that will live long in the memories of those who travelled across the Channel, the test of 2020 will be to build on what Giggs has slowly developed so far.

A repeat of 2016's heroics may seem unlikely, but as Giggs' predecessor once put it so succinctly: "Don't be afraid to have dreams".

What Wales do next summer remains to be seen, but the heroics of this squad, and their effort in getting to the finals of another major tournament, cannot be underestimated.

Time to break out the bucket hats and start singing "Don't take me home"…

# Llantwit Major's Blood and Blacks are back in action after a month off

**DUE to weather postponements and the World Cup, Llantwit Major RFC have been without a fixture for nearly a month, so when Deri RFC in the Rhymney Valley agreed to host them in a friendly they jumped at the chance**

Even the team bus not turning up couldn't deter them! They rallied round and drove up in their own vehicles, such was there eagerness to get back.

And a worthwhile trip it turned out to be as Deri proved worthy opponents, Llantwit just having enough control to win an entertaining game 14–34.

The Blood and Blacks took no time to brush off the cobwebs as they scored three tries in the first half with Callum Stephens showing some quick thinking and great pace for a hooker to race over. He was followed by wing Evan Holloway and then centre Rhys Balmont, who both finished off some nice phases of passing and handling by the back line.

Deri weren't letting the visitors have it their own way as they battled back into the game with two tries of their own. But Llantwit were just too strong in the tight phases in the second half and ground a determined Deri down before adding a further two tries by No 8 Jamie Lewis and prop Geraint David.

Man of the match was centre Joel Thomas, who put in a huge shift in attack with some strong running and in defence. Further mention should go to hooker Callum Stephens, who had a solid game in the tight and got across the park well, and scrum half Steff Godwin, whose service was impeccable and who asked questions of the Deri back row all afternoon.

The Llantonians will be on the road again this week as they take on Llandaff North, who sit mid table in the league standings and are always tough opponents.

Off the field, on November 29, the club will be hosting their latest supper club. This one looks to be a real corker as the guest speaker is Jim Mills who played rugby league for amongst others Widnes, North Sydney, Wales and Great Britain. Big Jim, as he was known, won every honour in the game as a fast-running prop. He is now seen as one of the best after dinner speakers on the circuit, talking about his entertaining and often controversial career. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. To book please contact John Davies on 07746 750727.

**AH**

# Lindsay double earns reserves a good draw

**LLANTWIT Major faced in-form leaders Cardiff Met University, breaking their winning run, thanks to a Lindsay brace and a gritty team performance from the reserves.**

Llantwit started well with an early goal, Morgan Gore breaking through before Stuart Lindsay tapped in after the goalkeeper palmed the ball into his path in the six-yard box.

Waves of Met attacks kept the Llantwit back line on their toes, frustrating the league leaders with a disciplined shape. However, Met got their equaliser before the break capitalising on catching Llantwit out of position.

The second half saw Llantwit start the brighter. Shots from Gore and Nathan Renfree failed to trouble the keeper but showed Llantwit were still a threat.

Cardiff Met started to play really good football, and at 70 minutes they took the lead as their manager scored within minutes of coming on.

The introduction of Max Morgan and Chris Vinson lifted energy levels and helped Llantwit press higher up the pitch and the opposition started to worry about their lead.

The constant pressure got the reserves their goal. A Gethin Jennings delivery was cleared but only to poacher Lindsay who scored his second to level with only eight minutes to go.

The university side went straight on the attack looking for a winner and asked questions of the stubborn defence. Thanks to brave last-ditch tackling from Cutter, Sutch and Wrigley, as well as keeper Mawhinney, whose great close range save right at the end helped the result finish 2-2.

Stuart Lindsay won man of the match for his two goals and tireless performance on and off the ball.

Squad: Mawhinney, Wrigley, Cutter, Sutch, Gore, Morris, Brown, Renfree, Jennings, Lindsay, Phillips. Subs Vinson, Vickers, Morgan, Malton, Grahame.

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# Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**ON November 12, it was an evening of very tight matches with some unusual outcomes for the Cowbridge Darts League.**

The matches consist of playing nine sets: six singles and three doubles. Previously, teams were awarded points for each set they won (first to two legs wins a set), but this season teams are awarded points for each leg they win. In the match between the Edmondes A and the Farmers Arms, while the Edmondes A won five sets compared to the Farmers Arms four, the Farmers Arms won the match because the leg score was 12-10 in their favour.In the game between the Hairy Farmers and the Highwayman Inn, the league witnessed its first drawn match, as the leg score was 10-10, even though the Highwayman Inn won five sets to the Hairy Farmers' four. The Town Hall Criers defeated the Red Lion Inn 11-10, again a 5-4 set result. The game between the Edmondes C and the Victoria Inn, who unfortunately only had four players, was also a 5-4 set result; the overall result was 10-9. Present league standings after six weeks are: Edmondes B (72 points), Highwayman Inn (63), Victoria Inn and Farmers Arms (57), Hairy Farmers (55), Edmondes A (53), Edmondes C (51), Town Hall Criers (50) and Red Lion Inn (42). On November 26, The Victoria Inn hosts the Farmers Arms, the Town Hall Criers host the Edmondes A, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes C and the Edmondes B hosts the Red Lion Inn. The Hairy Farmers have a bye. Email cowbridgedarts@gmail.com.

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